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# 0 Measure Theory

## 0.1 Key Theorems

### Theorem 0.1. *Fubini's Theorem*

[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Fubini%27s\\_theorem](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Fubini%27s_theorem)

Suppose  $A$  and  $B$  are complete measure spaces. Suppose  $f(x, y)$  is  $A \times B$  measurable. If

$$\int_{A \times B} |f(x, y)| d(x, y) < \infty$$

where the integral is taken with respect to a product measure on the space over  $A \times B$ , then

$$\int_A \left( \int_B f(x, y) dy \right) dx = \int_B \left( \int_A f(x, y) dx \right) dy = \int_{A \times B} f(x, y) d(x, y)$$

the first two integrals being iterated integrals with respect to two measures, respectively, and the third being an integral with respect to a product of these two measures.

#### Corollary:

If  $f(x, y) = g(x)h(y)$  for some functions  $g$  and  $h$ , then

$$\int_A g(x) dx \int_B h(y) dy = \int_{A \times B} f(x, y) d(x, y)$$

the third integral being with respect to a product measure.

### Theorem 0.2. *Tonelli's Theorem*

[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Fubini%27s\\_theorem#Tonelli.27s\\_theorem](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Fubini%27s_theorem#Tonelli.27s_theorem)

Suppose that  $A$  and  $B$  are  $\sigma$ -finite measure spaces, not necessarily complete. If either

$$\int_A \left( \int_B |f(x, y)| dy \right) dx < \infty \text{ or } \int_B \left( \int_A |f(x, y)| dx \right) dy < \infty$$

then

$$\int_{A \times B} |f(x, y)| d(x, y) < \infty$$

and

$$\int_A \left( \int_B f(x, y) dy \right) dx = \int_B \left( \int_A f(x, y) dx \right) dy = \int_{A \times B} f(x, y) d(x, y)$$

**Remark 0.3. Fubini vs. Tonelli**

[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Fubini%27s\\_theorem](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Fubini%27s_theorem)

Tonelli's theorem is a successor of Fubini's theorem. The conclusion of Tonelli's theorem is identical to that of Fubini's theorem, but the assumptions are different. Tonelli's theorem states that on the product of two  $\sigma$ -finite measure spaces, a product measure integral can be evaluated by way of an iterated integral for nonnegative measurable functions, regardless of whether they have finite integral. A formal statement of Tonelli's theorem is identical to that of Fubini's theorem, except that the requirements are now that  $(X, \mathcal{A}, \mu)$  and  $(Y, \mathcal{B}, \nu)$  are  $\sigma$ -finite measure spaces, while  $f$  maps  $X \times Y$  to  $[0, \infty]$ .

**Theorem 0.4. Hölder's Inequality**

Theorem 12.54 on page 356

Let  $1 \leq p, q \leq \infty$  and  $\frac{1}{p} + \frac{1}{q} = 1$ . If  $f \in L^p(X, \mu)$  and  $g \in L^q(X, \mu)$ , then  $fg \in L^1(X, \mu)$  and

$$\left| \int fg \, d\mu \right| \leq \|f\|_p \|g\|_q$$

**Theorem 0.5. Young's Inequality**

Theorem 12.58 on page 359

Let  $1 \leq p, q, r \leq \infty$  and  $\frac{1}{p} + \frac{1}{q} = 1 + \frac{1}{r}$ . If  $f \in L^p(\mathbb{R}^n)$  and  $g \in L^q(\mathbb{R}^n)$ , then  $f * g \in L^r(\mathbb{R}^n)$  and

$$\|f * g\|_r \leq \|f\|_p \|g\|_q$$

**Theorem 0.6. Lebesgue Dominated Convergence Theorem**

Theorem 12.35 on page 348

Suppose that  $(f_n)$  is a sequence of integrable functions,  $f_n : X \rightarrow \overline{\mathbb{R}}$ , on a measure space  $(X, \mathcal{A}, \mu)$  that converges pointwise to a limiting function  $f : X \rightarrow \overline{\mathbb{R}}$ . If there is an integrable function  $g : X \rightarrow [0, \infty]$  such that

$$|f_n(x)| \leq g(x) \quad \forall x \in X, n \in \mathbb{N}$$

then  $f$  is integrable and

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \int f_n \, d\mu = \int f \, d\mu$$

**Theorem 0.7. Cauchy-Schwarz Inequality**

[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Cauchy-Schwarz\\_inequality](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Cauchy-Schwarz_inequality)

**Formal Statement:** For all vectors  $x, y$  of an inner product space,

$$\begin{aligned} |\langle x, y \rangle|^2 &\leq \langle x, x \rangle \langle y, y \rangle \\ |\langle x, y \rangle| &\leq \|x\| \|y\| \end{aligned}$$

**Square of a Sum:**

$$\left| \sum_{i=1}^n x_i y_i \right|^2 \leq \sum_{i=1}^n |x_i|^2 \sum_{i=1}^n |y_i|^2$$

**In  $L^2$ :**

$$\left| \int f(x)g(x) dx \right|^2 \leq \int |f(x)|^2 dx \int |g(x)|^2 dx$$

## 7 Fourier Series

### 7.1 Fourier Series

#### Definition 7.1. $2\pi$ -periodic

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A function  $f : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$  is  $2\pi$ -periodic if

$$f(x + 2\pi) = f(x) \quad \forall x \in \mathbb{R}$$

A  $2\pi$ -periodic function may be identified with a function on the unit circle, or one-dimensional torus,  $\mathbb{T} = \mathbb{R}/(2\pi\mathbb{Z})$ . The space  $C(\mathbb{T})$  is the space of continuous functions from  $\mathbb{T}$  to  $\mathbb{C}$ , and  $L^2(\mathbb{T})$  is the completion of  $C(\mathbb{T})$  with respect to the  $L^2$ -norm,

$$\|f\| = \left( \int_{\mathbb{T}} |f(x)|^2 dx \right)^{1/2}$$

$L^2(\mathbb{T})$  is a Hilbert space with respect to the inner product

$$\langle f, g \rangle = \int_{\mathbb{T}} \overline{f(x)} g(x) dx$$

#### Definition 7.2. $L^p(\mathbb{T})$

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$L^p(\mathbb{T}) :=$  the space of Lebesgue measurable functions,  $f : \mathbb{T} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$  such that  $\int_{\mathbb{T}} |f|^p dx < \infty$ , where  $1 \leq p < \infty$ . We define the  $L^p$ -norm as:

$$\|f\|_p = \left( \int_{\mathbb{T}} |f|^p dx \right)^{1/p}$$

For  $p = \infty$ ,  $L^\infty(\mathbb{T})$  is the space of Lebesgue measurable functions that are *essentially bounded* on  $\mathbb{T}$ , meaning that  $f$  is bounded on every subset of  $\mathbb{T}$  with nonzero measure. The norm on  $L^\infty(\mathbb{T})$  is the *essential supremum*

$$\|f\|_\infty = \inf\{M \mid |f(x)| \leq M \text{ a.e. in } \mathbb{T}\}$$

We identify  $f$  with  $g$  if  $f = g$  a.e. (almost everywhere, except possibly on a set of measure 0).

#### Theorem 7.3.

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$L^p(\mathbb{T})$  with the norm  $\|f\|_{L^p} = \left( \int_{\mathbb{T}} |f|^p dx \right)^{1/p}$  is a Banach space.

**Theorem 7.4.**

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$C(\mathbb{T})$  is dense in  $L^p(\mathbb{T})$  for  $1 \leq p < \infty$ .

Note:  $C(\mathbb{T}) :=$  the space of continuous functions  $f : \mathbb{T} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$

**Proposition 7.5.**

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$p > q \Rightarrow L^p(\mathbb{T}) \subset L^q(\mathbb{T})$  and  $\|\cdot\|_p \geq \|\cdot\|_q$

Also,

$L^1(\mathbb{T}) \supset L^2(\mathbb{T}) \supset \dots \supset C(\mathbb{T})$

**Example 7.6. Fourier Basis Example**

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$$\sum_{n \neq 0} \frac{1}{|n|} e^{inx} = f(x)$$

$$\sum_{n \neq 0} \frac{1}{|n|^2} = 2 \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^2} < \infty$$

$$\lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \int \left| f(x) - \sum_{n=-N, n \neq 0}^N \frac{1}{|n|} e^{inx} \right|^2 dx = 0$$

Line 2 and Bessel's Inequality tell us that the series converges in  $L^2(\mathbb{T})$ . However, it doesn't converge pointwise everywhere on  $\mathbb{T}$ .

Ex. at  $x = 0$ ,  $\sum_{n \neq 0} \frac{1}{|n|}$  diverges.

**Proposition 7.7. Orthonormal Basis of  $L^2(\mathbb{T})$** 

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The Fourier basis elements are the functions

$$e_n(x) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} e^{inx}$$

$\{e_n \mid n \in \mathbb{Z}\}$  is an orthonormal basis of  $L^2(\mathbb{T})$ .

Proof Outline

- Orthogonality

It is easily shown that

$$\langle e_m, e_n \rangle = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } m = n \\ 0 & \text{if } m \neq n \end{cases}$$

- Completeness

This proof relies upon the ideas of convolution and approximate identities. (See Theorems 7.12 and 7.13.)

**Definition 7.8. Convolution**

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The *convolution* of two continuous functions  $f, g : \mathbb{T} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$  is the continuous function  $f * g : \mathbb{T} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$  defined by the integral

$$(f * g)(x) = \int_{\mathbb{T}} f(x - y)g(y) dy$$

Using the change of variable  $z = x - y$ , it is seen that

$$(f * g)(x) = \int_{\mathbb{T}} f(z)g(x - z) dz$$

so that  $f * g = g * f$ .

**Definition 7.9. Approximate Identity**

Definition 7.1 on page 151

A family of functions  $\{\varphi_n \in C(\mathbb{T}) \mid n \in \mathbb{N}\}$  is an *approximate identity* if

(a)  $\varphi_n(x) \geq 0$

(b)  $\int_{\mathbb{T}} \varphi_n(x) dx = 1$

(c)  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \int_{\delta \leq |x| \leq \pi} \varphi_n(x) dx = 0 \quad \forall \delta > 0$

Note: in (c),  $\mathbb{T}$  is identified with  $[-\pi, \pi]$ .

**Theorem 7.10.**

Theorem 7.2 on page 151 and Notes 1/5/11 and FA 49

If  $\{\varphi_n \in C(\mathbb{T}) \mid n \in \mathbb{N}\}$  is an approximate identity and  $f \in C(\mathbb{T})$ , then  $\varphi_n * f$  converges uniformly to  $f$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ .

Note: the term “approximate identity” comes from this result, since  $\{\varphi_n\}$  is an *approximation to the identity*.

Proof

$$\begin{aligned}
f(x) &= \int_{\mathbb{T}} \varphi_n(y) f(x) dy \\
(\varphi_n * f)(x) &= \int_{\mathbb{T}} \varphi_n(y) f(x - y) dy \\
(\varphi_n * f)(x) - f(x) &= \int_{\mathbb{T}} \varphi_n(y) [f(x - y) - f(x)] dy
\end{aligned}$$

- $f$  is uniformly continuous, so there exists  $M$  such that  $|f(x)| \leq M \forall x \in \mathbb{T}$
- $\exists \delta > 0$  such that  $|f(x) - f(y)| \leq \epsilon$  whenever  $|x - y| < \delta$

$$\begin{aligned}
|(\varphi_n * f)(x) - f(x)| &\leq \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \varphi_n(y) |f(x - y) - f(x)| dy \\
&\leq \int_{|y| < \delta} \varphi_n(y) |f(x - y) - f(x)| dy + \int_{|y| \geq \delta} \varphi_n(y) |f(x - y) - f(x)| dy \\
&\leq \epsilon \int_{|y| < \delta} \varphi_n(y) dy + \int_{|y| \geq \delta} \varphi_n(y) [|f(x - y)| + |f(x)|] dy \\
&\leq \epsilon + 2M \int_{|y| \geq \delta} \varphi_n(y) dy
\end{aligned}$$

Using property (c) of an approximate identity gives that  $\varphi_n * f \rightarrow f$  uniformly in  $C(\mathbb{T})$ .

**Remark 7.11. Revised Approximate Identity Definition**

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More generally,  $\varphi_n \in L^1(\mathbb{T})$  is an approximate identity if

- $\int_{\mathbb{T}} |\varphi_n(x)| dx \leq M \quad \forall n \in \mathbb{N}$
- $\int_{\mathbb{T}} \varphi_n(x) dx = 1$
- $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \int_{\delta \leq |x| \leq \pi} \varphi_n(x) dx = 0 \quad \forall \delta > 0$

**Theorem 7.12. Weierstrass Approximation Theorem**

Theorem 7.3 on page 152 and Notes 1/5/11

The trigonometric polynomials are dense in  $C(\mathbb{T})$  with respect to the uniform norm.

Proof

- Let  $f \in C(\mathbb{T})$
- Generate an approximate identity that is a trigonometric polynomial



- Define  $\varphi_n = c_n(1 + \cos x)^n = c_n[2 \cos^2(\frac{x}{2})]^n$  and choose  $c_n$  such that  $\int_{\mathbb{T}} \varphi_n(x) dx = 1$
- To show  $\varphi_n$  is an approximate identity, we need to show that  $\forall \delta > 0, \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \int_{|x| > \delta} \varphi_n(x) dx = 0$
- \* Fix  $\epsilon > 0. \forall x, \delta \leq |x| \leq \pi, \exists r \in (0, 1)$  such that

$$(1 + \cos x) < r(1 + \cos y)$$

$$\varphi_n(x) < r^n \varphi_n(y)$$

$$\delta \varphi_n(x) < r^n \int_{-\delta/2}^{\delta/2} \varphi_n(y) dy$$

$$\delta \varphi_n(x) < r^n$$

$$0 \leq \varphi_n(x) < \frac{r^n}{\delta} \quad \forall x \text{ such that } \delta \leq |x| \leq \pi$$

- So  $\varphi_n \rightarrow 0$  uniformly on  $\delta \leq |x| \leq \pi$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ , and  $\int_{|x| > \delta} \varphi_n(x) dx \rightarrow 0$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$

- $\varphi_n$  is an approximate identity, so  $\varphi_n * f$  is a trigonometric polynomial, and  $\varphi_n * f$  converges uniformly to  $f$  (See Theorem 7.10)

### Corollary 7.13.

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The trigonometric polynomials are dense in  $L^2(\mathbb{T})$ . That is, for any  $f \in L^2(\mathbb{T})$ ,

$$f(x) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} \hat{f}_n e^{inx}$$

$$\hat{f}_n = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_{\mathbb{T}} f(x) e^{-inx} dx$$

If  $f \in L^2(\mathbb{T})$  then the Fourier series of  $f$  converges pointwise to  $f$  a.e. (Carleson).

### Proof

Let  $f \in L^2(\mathbb{T})$ .

- Choose  $g \in C(\mathbb{T})$  such that  $\|f - g\|_{L^2} < \epsilon/2$ . We can do this because  $C(\mathbb{T})$  is dense in  $L^2(\mathbb{T})$ .
- Pick a trigonometric polynomial  $p$  such that  $\|g - p\|_{L^2} < \epsilon/2\sqrt{2\pi}$ .
- $\|g - p\|_{L^2} = (\int |g - p|^2 dx)^{1/2} \leq \|g - p\|_{\infty} \sqrt{2\pi}$
- $\|f - p\|_{L^2} \leq \|f - g\|_{L^2} + \|g - p\|_{L^2} < \epsilon/2 + \epsilon/2$

### Corollary 7.14.

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$\{\frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} e^{inx} \mid n \in \mathbb{Z}\}$  is an orthonormal basis of  $L^2(\mathbb{T})$ .

**Definition 7.15. Periodic Fourier Transform**

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The *Periodic Fourier Transform*  $\mathcal{F} : L^2(\mathbb{T}) \rightarrow \ell^2(\mathbb{Z})$  maps a function to its sequence of Fourier coefficients by

$$\mathcal{F}f = (\hat{f}_n)_{n=-\infty}^{\infty}$$

Thus, the  $L^2$  norm of a function can be computed by

$$\int_{\mathbb{T}} |f(x)|^2 dx = \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} |\hat{f}_n|^2$$

This implies that  $(\hat{f}_n) \in \ell^2(\mathbb{Z})$ . Furthermore, the Projection Theorem (6.13 in the book) implies that

$$f_N(x) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \sum_{n=-N}^N \hat{f}_n e^{inx}$$

is the best approximation of  $f$  by a trigonometric polynomial of degree  $N$  in the  $L^2$ -norm.

**Theorem 7.16. Parseval's Theorem**

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Given  $f, g \in L^2(\mathbb{T})$ , then

$$\begin{aligned} f(x) &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \sum_{n \in \mathbb{Z}} a_n e^{inx} \\ g(x) &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \sum_{n \in \mathbb{Z}} b_n e^{inx} \\ \langle f, g \rangle &= \sum_{n \in \mathbb{Z}} \bar{a}_n b_n \end{aligned}$$

**Proposition 7.17.**

Proposition 7.4 on page 154

If  $f, g \in L^2(\mathbb{T})$ , then  $f * g \in C(\mathbb{T})$  and

$$\|f * g\|_{\infty} \leq \|f\|_2 \|g\|_2$$

Proof

$$(f * g)(x) = \int_{\mathbb{T}} f(x-y)g(y) dy$$

If  $f, g \in C(\mathbb{T})$ , then we can apply the Cauchy-Schwarz Inequality to get

$$|f * g(x)| \leq \|f\|_{L^2} \|g\|_{L^2}$$

Taking the supremum of both sides yields

$$\|f * g\|_{\infty} \leq \|f\|_{L^2} \|g\|_{L^2}$$

If  $f, g \in L^2(\mathbb{T})$ , then there exist sequences  $(f_k), (g_k) \in C(\mathbb{T})$  such that  $\|f - f_k\|_2 \rightarrow 0$  and  $\|g - g_k\|_2 \rightarrow 0$  as  $k \rightarrow \infty$ . Also, the sequence  $(f_k * g_k) \in C(\mathbb{T})$  is Cauchy with respect to the sup-norm, since

$$\begin{aligned} \|f_j * g_j - f_k * g_k\| &\leq \|(f_j - f_k) * g_j\|_\infty + \|f_k * (g_j - g_k)\|_\infty \\ &\leq \|f_j - f_k\|_2 \|g_j\|_2 + \|f_k\|_2 \|g_j - g_k\|_2 \\ &\leq M (\|f_j - f_k\|_2 + \|g_j - g_k\|_2) \end{aligned}$$

where  $M \geq \|f_j\|_2$  and  $M \geq \|g_k\|_2$ , since the sequences converge in  $L^2(\mathbb{T})$ . Since  $C(\mathbb{T})$  is complete, the sequence  $(f_k * g_k)$  converges uniformly to a continuous function  $f * g \in C(\mathbb{T})$ , and  $f * g$  satisfies the inequality.

**Theorem 7.18. Convolution Theorem**

Theorem 7.5 on page 154 and Notes 1/10/11

If  $f, g \in L^2(\mathbb{T})$ , then

$$\text{(Book)} \quad \widehat{(f * g)}_n = \sqrt{2\pi} \hat{f}_n \hat{g}_n$$

$$\text{(Notes)} \quad \widehat{(f * g)}_n = \hat{f}_n \hat{g}_n$$

Proof Outline

Compute  $\widehat{(f * g)}_n$ , using Fubini's Theorem to change the order of integration.

**Remark 7.19. Alternative bases for  $L^2$**

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The non-normalized orthogonal basis:

$$\{e^{inx}\}$$

$$\hat{f}_n = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{\mathbb{T}} f(x) e^{-inx} dx$$

Sines and Cosines:

$$\{1, \cos(nx), \sin(nx) \mid n = 1, 2, 3, \dots\}$$

$$f(x) = \frac{1}{2} a_0 + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (a_n \cos(nx) + b_n \sin(nx))$$

$$a_0 = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{\mathbb{T}} f(x) dx \quad a_n = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{\mathbb{T}} f(x) \cos(nx) dx \quad b_n = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{\mathbb{T}} f(x) \sin(nx) dx$$

## 7.2 $L^1$ Functions

### Remark 7.20. $L^1$ Functions

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$L^1(\mathbb{T})$  is the space of periodic functions  $f : \mathbb{T} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$  such that

$$\|f\|_{L^1} = \int_{\mathbb{T}} |f(x)| dx < \infty$$

Note that  $L^1(\mathbb{T})$  is a Banach space but not a Hilbert space. We can define the Fourier coefficients of  $f$  as

$$c_n = \int_{\mathbb{T}} f(x) e^{-inx} dx$$

Note that  $|c_n| \leq \int |f(x)| dx$ . We can write the trigonometric polynomial approximation of  $f$  as

$$f(x) \sim \sum_{n \in \mathbb{Z}} c_n e^{inx}$$

However, this does not necessarily converge to  $f$ .

### Lemma 7.21. *Riemann-Lebesgue Lemma*

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If  $f \in L^1(\mathbb{T})$  has Fourier coefficients  $c_n$ , then  $c_n \rightarrow 0$  as  $|n| \rightarrow \infty$ .

#### Proof Outline (1/7/11)

- Prove for smooth functions (use Integration By Parts)
- Approximate non-smooth functions with smooth functions

#### Proof Outline (1/10/11)

- Fix  $\epsilon > 0$
- The trigonometric polynomials are dense in  $L^1(\mathbb{T})$ , so we can pick a trigonometric polynomial  $p$  such that  $\|f - p\|_{L^1} < \epsilon$
- If  $\deg p = N$  and  $n > N$ , then

$$\begin{aligned} |\hat{f}(n)| &= \frac{1}{2\pi} \left| \int f e^{-inx} dx \right| \\ &= \frac{1}{2\pi} \left| \int (f - p) e^{-inx} dx \right| \quad \text{Note: } \int p e^{-inx} dx = 0 \quad \forall n > N \text{ by orthogonality} \\ &\leq \frac{1}{2\pi} \|f - p\|_{L^1} \\ &\leq \frac{\epsilon}{2\pi} < \epsilon \end{aligned}$$

**Definition 7.22. Fourier Transform for  $L^1(\mathbb{T})$** 

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The *Fourier Transform*  $\mathcal{F} : f \rightarrow \hat{f}$ ,  $\mathcal{F} : L^1(\mathbb{T}) \rightarrow C_0(\mathbb{Z})$

$$C_0(\mathbb{Z}) = \{(c_n)_{n \in \mathbb{Z}} \mid c_n \rightarrow 0 \text{ as } |n| \rightarrow \infty\}$$

$$\|(c_n)\|_\infty = \max_{n \in \mathbb{Z}} |c_n|$$

$\mathcal{F}$  is a bounded linear map, with  $\|\mathcal{F}f\|_\infty \leq \|f\|_{L^1}$

Note:  $\mathcal{F}$  is not onto.

**Example 7.23.  $\mathcal{F}$  is not onto**

Notes 1/10/11

There is no function whose Fourier coefficients are

$$\hat{f}(n) = \frac{i \operatorname{sgn}(n)}{\log |n|} \quad |n| \geq 2$$

**7.3 Kernels and Summability Methods****Definition 7.24. Dirichlet Kernel**

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The *Dirichlet kernel* is

$$D_N(x) = \frac{1}{2\pi} \sum_{|n| \leq N} e^{inx} = \frac{1}{2\pi} \left[ \frac{\sin((N + \frac{1}{2})x)}{\sin(\frac{x}{2})} \right] \quad x \neq 0$$

$$D_N(0) = \frac{1}{2\pi} (2N + 1)$$

(See the Kernel Overview.)

Derivation of the Dirichlet Kernel

Suppose  $f \in L^1(\mathbb{T})$ ,  $f(x) \sim \sum \hat{f}_n e^{inx}$ . Define the  $N^{\text{th}}$  partial sum of the Fourier series of  $f$  as

$$\begin{aligned} S_N(f)(x) &= \sum_{|n| \leq N} \hat{f}_n e^{inx} \\ &= \frac{1}{2\pi} \sum_{|n| \leq N} \left( \int f(y) e^{-iny} dy \right) e^{inx} \\ &= \frac{1}{2\pi} \int \left( \sum_{|n| \leq N} e^{in(x-y)} \right) f(y) dy \\ &= \int D_N(x-y) f(y) dy = D_N * f \end{aligned}$$

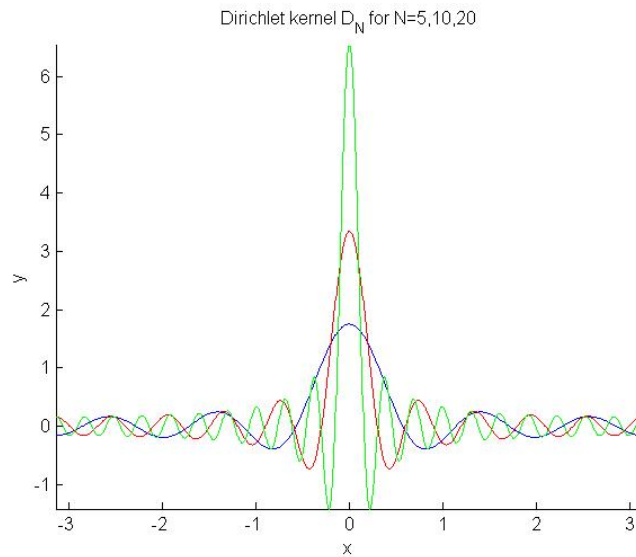


Figure 1: Dirichlet kernels.

**Example 7.25.  $D_N$  is not an approximate identity**

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The Dirichlet kernel is not an approximate identity.

- (a)  $\int D_N dx = \int \left( \frac{1}{2\pi} \sum e^{inx} \right) dx = \frac{1}{2\pi} \cdot 2\pi = 1$
- (b)  $\int \frac{4}{\pi^2} \sum_{k=1}^N \frac{1}{k} \leq |D_N| dx \leq \frac{4}{\pi^2} \left( \sum_{k=1}^N \frac{1}{k} \right) + 2 + \frac{\pi}{4}$   
 As  $N \rightarrow \infty$ ,  $\int |D_N| dx = \frac{4}{\pi} \log N + O(1) \rightarrow \infty$  as  $N \rightarrow \infty$
- (c) For  $\delta > 0$ ,  $\lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \int_{|x| > \delta} |D_N| dx \not\rightarrow 0$

Thus, we can't conclude that if  $f \in C(\mathbb{T})$  or  $f \in L^1(\mathbb{T})$  then  $D_N * f \rightarrow f$  uniformly

**Theorem 7.26. Absolute Convergence**

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If  $f \in C(\mathbb{T})$  and its Fourier series is absolutely convergent,  $\sum_{n \in \mathbb{Z}} |\hat{f}(n)| < \infty$ , then the Fourier series converges uniformly to  $f$ .

Let  $\mathcal{A}(\mathbb{T})$  denote the space of integrable functions whose Fourier coefficients are absolutely convergent. That is,  $f \in \mathcal{F}(\mathbb{T})$  if  $\sum_{n \in \mathbb{Z}} |\hat{f}(n)| < \infty$ . If  $f \in \mathcal{A}(\mathbb{T})$ , then  $f \in C(\mathbb{T})$ .

**Definition 7.27. Summability Method: Cesàro Summation**

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The  $N^{\text{th}}$  Cesàro sum of a series is the average of the first  $N$  partial sums in the series:

$$\sigma_N = \frac{s_0 + s_1 + \dots + s_{N-1}}{N}$$

**Example 7.28. Cesàro Summation Example**

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Consider the series  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (-1)^n = 1 - 1 + 1 - 1 + 1 - 1 \dots$ . Then the  $n$ th partial sum is

$$S_N = \begin{cases} 1 & N \text{ odd} \\ 0 & N \text{ even} \end{cases}$$

Consider the averages of partial sums:

$$\sigma_N = \frac{S_1 + \dots + S_N}{N}$$

$$\sigma_N = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{2} & N \text{ even} \\ \frac{\frac{1}{2}(N+1)}{N} = \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{2N} & N \text{ odd} \end{cases} \rightarrow \frac{1}{2} \text{ as } N \rightarrow \infty$$

Thus,  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (-1)^n = \frac{1}{2}$  (C).

**Theorem 7.29.**

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Cesàro summation is *regular*, meaning that if  $\sum a_n = s$  then  $\sum a_n = s$  (C).

**Definition 7.30. Fejér Kernel**

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The Fejér Kernel is:

$$K_N(x) = \frac{1}{2\pi} \sum_{|n| \leq N} \left(1 - \frac{|n|}{N+1}\right) e^{inx}$$

$$K_N(x) = \frac{1}{2\pi(N+1)} \left[ \frac{\sin\left(\frac{(N+1)x}{2}\right)}{\sin\left(\frac{x}{2}\right)} \right]^2$$

(See the Kernel Overview.)

Proof (that the two forms are equivalent)

- Consider

$$\left[ \frac{1}{2} (e^{ix} + e^{-ix}) - 1 \right] K_N(x) = \frac{1}{2\pi N} \left( \frac{1}{2} e^{i(N+1)x} + \frac{1}{2} e^{-i(N+1)x} - 1 \right)$$

- Use the fact that

$$\left( \sin \frac{x}{2} \right)^2 = -\frac{1}{4} (e^{ix} - 2 + e^{-ix})$$

Derivation of the Fejér KernelForm the  $N^{\text{th}}$  Cesàro mean of the Fourier series:

$$\begin{aligned} \sigma_N(f)(x) &= \frac{S_0 f + S_1 f + \dots + S_N f}{N+1} \\ &= \frac{1}{2\pi} \sum_{|n| \leq N} \left(1 - \frac{|n|}{N+1}\right) \hat{f}(n) e^{inx} \\ &= K_N * f \end{aligned}$$

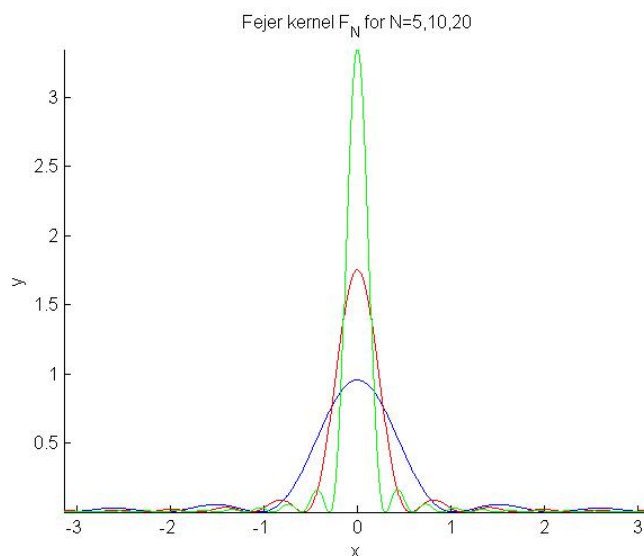


Figure 2: Fejér kernels.



**Theorem 7.31.**

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$K_N$  is an approximate identity. If  $f \in C(\mathbb{T})$ , then  $\sigma_N f = K_N * f \rightarrow f$  uniformly and if  $f \in L^p(\mathbb{T})$ , then  $\sigma_N f = K_N * f \rightarrow f$  in  $L^p(\mathbb{T})$ .

**Corollary 7.32.**

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Suppose  $f, g \in L^1(\mathbb{T})$  and  $\hat{f} = \hat{g}$ . Then  $f = g$ .

Proof

- Set  $h = f - g$
- Then  $\hat{h}(n) = 0$
- $K_N * h \rightarrow h$  in  $L^1$
- $K_N * h = 0 \forall N$ , so  $h = 0 \Rightarrow f = g$

Note: we could have used the original approximate identity for this proof.

**Definition 7.33. *Summability Method: Abel Summation***

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$$S = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n$$

$$S = \lim_{r \rightarrow 1^-} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n r^n \quad (\text{A})$$

**Theorem 7.34.**

Notes 1/14/11

Abel summation is regular.

Proof

- We will use summation by parts. Suppose  $S = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n$ ,  $S_n = \sum_{k=0}^n a_k$ ,  $S_n \rightarrow S$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n r^n = a_0 + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (S_n - S_{n-1}) r^n \quad (\text{Since } a_n = S_n - S_{n-1})$$

$$= a_0 + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (S_n - S_n r^{n+1}) \quad (\text{re-index})$$

$$= a_0 + (1-r) \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (S_n r^n) - S_0 r$$

$$= (1-r) \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} S_n r^n \quad (S_0 = a_0)$$

$$\left| \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (a_n r^n) - s \right| = (1-r) \left| \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (S_n - S) r^n \right| \leq (1-r) \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} |S_n - S| r^n \quad 1 = (1-r) \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} r^n$$

$$S = (1-r) \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} S r^n$$

- Fix  $\epsilon > 0$ . Choose  $N$  such that  $|S_n - S| < \epsilon/2$  for  $n > N$ . Then

$$\left| \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n r^n - S \right| < (1-r) \sum_{n=0}^N |S_n - S| r^n + \underbrace{\frac{\epsilon}{2} (1-r) \sum_{n=N+1}^{\infty} r^n}_{\leq 1}$$

- Choose  $(1-r) < \delta$ , where  $\delta \sum_{n=0}^N |S_n - S| < \epsilon/2$

- $n > N \Rightarrow \left| \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n r^n - S \right| < \epsilon/2 + \epsilon/2 = \epsilon$

**Theorem 7.35. Tauber & Littlewood**

Notes 1/14/11

Suppose that  $\lim_{r \rightarrow 1^-} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n r^n$  exists and  $na_n = O(1)$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ . (i.e. there is an  $M$  such that  $|na_n| \leq M \forall n$ .) Then  $\sum a_n$  exists (and is equal to the limit).

**Definition 7.36. Poisson Kernel**

Notes 1/14/11

Identify  $\mathbb{T}$  as the unit circle in  $\mathbb{C}$ , i.e.

$$\mathbb{T} = \{z \in \mathbb{C} \mid |z| = 1\} \Leftrightarrow z = e^{i\theta}$$

$$f(\theta) \sim \sum_{n \in \mathbb{Z}} \hat{f}(n) e^{in\theta}$$

$$\hat{f}(n) = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} f(\theta) e^{-in\theta} d\theta$$

$$\begin{aligned} f_r(\theta) &= \sum_{n \in \mathbb{Z}} \hat{f}(n) r^{|n|} e^{in\theta} \\ &= P_r * f(\theta) \end{aligned}$$

The Poisson kernel is

$$P_r(\theta) = \frac{1}{2\pi} \sum_{n \in \mathbb{Z}} r^{|n|} e^{in\theta}, \quad 0 < r < 1$$

$$P_r(\theta) = \frac{1}{2\pi} \left[ \frac{1 - r^2}{1 - 2r \cos \theta + r^2} \right]$$

$$P_r(0) = \frac{1}{2\pi} \frac{1 - r^2}{(1 - r)^2}$$

(See the Kernel Overview.)

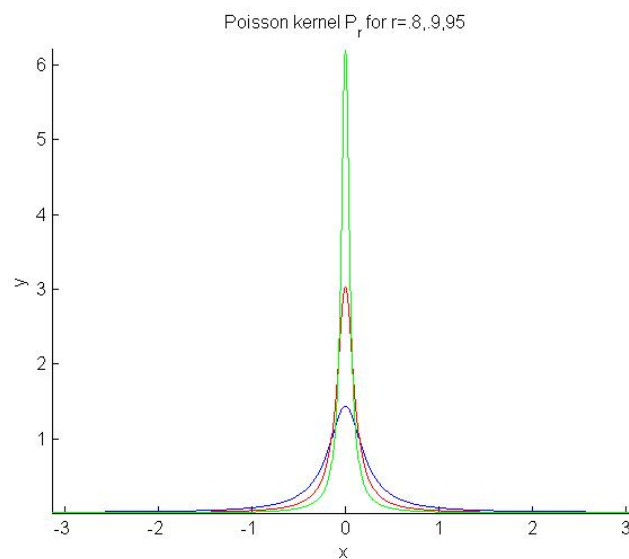


Figure 3: Poisson kernels.

**Remark 7.37. Properties of the Poisson Kernel**

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- The Poisson kernel is not a trigonometric polynomial
- The Poisson kernel satisfies:
  - (a)  $\int P_r(\theta) d\theta = 1$
  - (b)  $P_r \geq 0$
  - (c)  $P_r(\theta) \rightarrow 0$  uniformly as  $r \rightarrow 1^-$  on  $\delta < |\theta| < \pi$

**Theorem 7.38.**

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$P_r$  is an approximate identity as  $r \rightarrow 1^-$ .

**Corollary 7.39.**

Notes 1/14/11

If  $f \in L^p(\mathbb{T})$ ,  $1 \leq p < \infty$ , then  $P_r * f \rightarrow f$  as  $r \rightarrow 1^-$ .  
If  $f \in C(\mathbb{T})$ , then  $P_r * f \rightarrow f$  uniformly.

### Remark 7.40. Kernel Overview

#### Dirichlet

- Equations:
  - $D_N(x) = \frac{1}{2\pi} \sum_{|n| \leq N} e^{inx}$
  - $D_N(x) = \frac{1}{2\pi} \left[ \frac{\sin((N+\frac{1}{2})x)}{\sin(\frac{x}{2})} \right], \quad x \neq 0$
  - $D_N(0) = \frac{1}{2\pi}(2N+1)$
- Summability Method: Standard
- Approximate Identity: No

#### Fejér

- Equations:
  - $K_N(x) = \frac{1}{2\pi} \sum_{|n| \leq N} \left(1 - \frac{|n|}{N+1}\right) e^{inx}$
  - $K_N(x) = \frac{1}{2\pi(N+1)} \left[ \frac{\sin(\frac{(N+1)x}{2})}{\sin(\frac{x}{2})} \right]^2$
- Summability Method: Cesàro
- Approximate Identity: Yes

#### Poisson

- Equations:
  - $P_r(\theta) = \frac{1}{2\pi} \sum_{n \in \mathbb{Z}} r^{|n|} e^{in\theta}, \quad 0 < r < 1$
  - $P_r(\theta) = \frac{1}{2\pi} \left[ \frac{1-r^2}{1-2r \cos \theta + r^2} \right]$
  - $P_r(0) = \frac{1}{2\pi} \frac{1-r^2}{(1-r)^2}$
- Summability Method: Abel
- Approximate Identity: Yes, as  $r \rightarrow 1^-$

## 7.4 Harmonic Functions

### Definition 7.41. Harmonic

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Let  $\Omega \subset \mathbb{R}^n$  be an open set.  
 $u : \Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is *harmonic* on  $\Omega$  if  $\Delta u = 0$  in  $\Omega$ .

Recall:  $\Delta = \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x_1^2} + \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x_2^2} + \dots + \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x_n^2}$

**Remark 7.42. Harmonic & Analytic Functions**

Notes 1/19/11

There is a close connection in 2-D between harmonic and analytic (holomorphic) functions.

$$F : \Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$$
$$F(z) = u(x, y) + iv(x, y)$$

where  $u, v$  satisfy the Cauchy-Riemann equations:

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} u_x = v_y \\ u_y = -v_x \end{array} \right\} \Rightarrow u_{xx} + v_{yy} = 0$$

**Example 7.43.  $\Delta u = 0$  on the Complex Unit Disk**

Notes 1/19/11

Consider the Dirichlet problem on  $D = \{(x, y) \in \mathbb{R}^2 \mid x^2 + y^2 < 1\}$ :

$$\Delta u = 0 \text{ in } D$$
$$u = f \text{ on } \partial D = \pi$$

Here  $f \in C(\partial D)$ .

Want  $u \in C^2(D) \cap C(\bar{D})$ .

Use separation of variables:

$$u(r, \theta) = F(r)G(\theta)$$

We get that:

$$G(\theta) = e^{in\theta}$$
$$F(r) = Ar^n + Br^{-n} \quad n \neq 0$$
$$F(r) = A + B \ln r \quad n = 0$$

We want the solution to belong to  $C^2(D)$ , so we set

$$F(r) = r^{|n|}, \quad n \in \mathbb{Z}$$
$$\Rightarrow u(r, \theta) = \sum_{n \in \mathbb{Z}} c_n r^{|n|} e^{in\theta}$$

We want that:

$$u(1, \theta) = f(\theta) = \sum_{n \in \mathbb{Z}} c_n e^{in\theta}$$
$$\Rightarrow c_n = \hat{f}(n) = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} f(\theta) e^{-in\theta} d\theta$$

Note that:

$$u(r, \theta) = \underbrace{(P_r * f)(\theta)}_{\text{Green's function}} = \frac{1}{2\pi} \sum_{n \in \mathbb{Z}} r^{|n|} e^{in\theta}$$

**Remark 7.44.**

Notes 1/19/11

$P_r(\theta)$  is a  $C^\infty(D)$  function of  $r, \theta$  in  $0 \leq r < 1$ , and

$$\Delta P_r(\theta) = \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial}{\partial r} \left( r \frac{\partial P_r}{\partial r} \right) + \frac{1}{r^2} \frac{\partial^2 P_r}{\partial \theta^2} = 0$$

**Theorem 7.45.**

Notes 1/19/11

Suppose that  $f \in C(\partial D)$ . Then  $u(r, \theta) = (P_r * f)(\theta)$  is a solution of

$$\begin{cases} \Delta u = 0 & \text{in } D \\ u = f & \text{on } \partial D \end{cases}$$

Moreover,  $u \in C^\infty(D) \cap C(\bar{D})$ .

Proof

- $u(r, \theta) = \int_{\mathbb{T}} P_r(\theta - \phi) f(\phi) d\phi$  (by Lebesgue Dominated Convergence Theorem)
- So  $u \in C^\infty(D)$ , and  $\Delta u = 0$
- Moreover,  $P_r * f \rightarrow f$  uniformly as  $r \rightarrow 1^-$
- So  $u \in C(\bar{D})$

**Theorem 7.46.**

Notes 1/19/11

There is a unique solution  $u \in C^2(D) \cap C(\bar{D})$  of the Dirichlet problem. (Can be proved using the maximum principle and/or energy estimates.)

**Corollary 7.47.**

Notes 1/19/11

Every harmonic function  $u \in C^2(D) \cap C(\bar{D})$  is smooth and has the mean value property:

$$u(r=0) = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} f(\theta) d\theta$$

## 7.5 Hausdorff-Young Inequality

### Remark 7.48. Background Info/Review

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- Function Spaces

- Let  $1 \leq p < \infty$ . If  $f \in L^p(\mathbb{T})$ , then  $f : \mathbb{T} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$  and  $\|f\|_p = \left(\int_{\mathbb{T}} |f|^p dx\right)^{1/p} < \infty$ .
- $f = g$  in  $L^p$  if  $f = g$  a.e.
- In  $L^\infty$ ,  $\|f\|_\infty = \operatorname{ess\,sup}_{\mathbb{T}} |f(x)| = \inf_{\text{measure } N=0} \sup\{|f(x)| \mid x \in \mathbb{T} \setminus N\}$

- Sequence Spaces

- Let  $1 \leq q < \infty$ . If  $\hat{f} \in \ell^q(\mathbb{Z})$ ,  $\hat{f} : \mathbb{Z} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ , then  $\|\hat{f}\|_q = \left(\sum_{n \in \mathbb{Z}} |\hat{f}(n)|^q\right)^{1/q} < \infty$
- In  $\ell^\infty$ ,  $\|\hat{f}\|_\infty = \sup_{n \in \mathbb{Z}} |\hat{f}(n)|$

- Question: When is  $\mathcal{F} : L^p(\mathbb{T}) \rightarrow \ell^q(\mathbb{Z})$ ,  $f \mapsto \hat{f}$ , a bounded linear map?

- $\mathcal{F} : L^2 \rightarrow \ell^2$ 
  - \*  $\|\mathcal{F}f\|_{\ell^2} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \|f\|_{L^2}$
  - \*  $\mathcal{F}$  is onto
- $\mathcal{F} : L^1 \rightarrow C_0 \subset \ell^\infty$ 
  - \*  $\|\mathcal{F}f\|_{\ell^\infty} \leq \frac{1}{2\pi} \|f\|_{L^1}$

### Theorem 7.49. Hausdorff-Young Theorem/Inequality

Notes 1/21/11

Suppose  $1 \leq p \leq 2$  and  $2 \leq p' \leq \infty$  are Hölder conjugates ( $\frac{1}{p} + \frac{1}{p'} = 1$ ).

Then  $\mathcal{F} : L^p(\mathbb{T}) \rightarrow \ell^{p'}(\mathbb{Z})$  is a bounded linear map, i.e.  $\|\hat{f}\|_{\ell^{p'}} \leq C_p \|f\|_{L^p}$ .



**Remark 7.50.**

Notes 1/21/11

1. Interpolation result (Riesz-Thorin Theorem)
2.  $\mathcal{F}$  is *not* onto if  $1 \leq p < 2$ .
  - Ex:  $p = 1, p' = \infty$ , then  $f \in L^1 \rightarrow \hat{f} \in C_0 \Rightarrow$  not all of  $\ell^\infty$
  - $\sum_{|n| \geq 2} \frac{i \operatorname{sgn}(n)}{\log n} e^{inx}$  is not the Fourier series of any  $L^1$  function
3. This result does not hold for  $2 < p \leq \infty$
4. If  $f \in L^p$  (or even if  $f \in C$ ), one can't say much about the Fourier coefficients  $\hat{f}$  beyond the fact that  $f \in L^p$  so  $\hat{f} \in \ell^2$ 
  - Example:

$$f(x) = \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{e^{in \log n}}{n^{1/2}(\log n)^2} e^{inx}$$

$$\hat{f}(n) = \frac{e^{in \log n}}{n^{1/2}(\log n)^2}$$

$$\sum |\hat{f}(n)|^2 = \sum \frac{1}{n(\log n)^4} < \infty$$

$\hat{f} \in \ell^2$  so  $f \in L^2$ . Is  $\hat{f} \in \ell^p$  for  $p < 2$ , e.g.  $p = 2 - \epsilon$ ?

$$\sum |\hat{f}(n)|^{2-\epsilon} = \sum \frac{1}{n^{1-\epsilon/2}(\log n)^{4-2\epsilon}} = \infty$$

So  $\hat{f} \notin \ell^{p'}$  for any  $p' < 2$

**7.6 Fourier Series of Differentiable Functions (Section 7.2 in H&N)****Definition 7.51. *Fourier Series Differentiation***

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$$f(x) = \sum_{n \in \mathbb{Z}} c_n e^{inx}$$

$$f'(x) = \sum_{n \in \mathbb{Z}} i n c_n e^{inx}$$

$$\mathcal{F} : \frac{d}{dx} \mapsto in$$

**Proposition 7.52.**

Notes 1/24/11

If  $f \in C^1(\mathbb{T})$ , then

$$\widehat{f'}(n) = in\widehat{f}(n)$$

(Actually, it is sufficient that  $f \in L^1(\mathbb{T})$ .)

See Definition 7.56 and Proposition 11.21.

**Definition 7.53. Orders**

Notes 1/24/11

If  $\phi, \psi : \mathbb{Z} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ , we say that

- $\phi = O(\psi)$  as  $|n| \rightarrow \infty$  if there exists  $C$  such that  $|\phi(n)| \leq C|\psi(n)| \forall n \in \mathbb{Z}$
- $\phi = o(\psi)$  as  $|n| \rightarrow \infty$  if  $\lim_{|n| \rightarrow \infty} \left| \frac{\phi(n)}{\psi(n)} \right| = 0$

**Theorem 7.54.**

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If  $f \in C^1(\mathbb{T})$ , then  $\widehat{f}(n) = o(\frac{1}{n})$  as  $|n| \rightarrow \infty$ If  $f \in C^k(\mathbb{T})$ , where  $k \in \mathbb{N}$ , then  $\widehat{f}(n) = o(\frac{1}{n^k})$  as  $|n| \rightarrow \infty$ Proof

- $\widehat{f'}(n) = in\widehat{f}(n)$  if  $f \in C^1$
- $\widehat{f}(n) = \frac{1}{in}\widehat{f'}(n)$ ,  $n \neq 0$ , and  $\widehat{f'}(n) \rightarrow 0$  as  $|n| \rightarrow \infty$  by the Riemann-Lebesgue Lemma
- So  $\widehat{f}(n) = o(\frac{1}{n})$  as  $|n| \rightarrow \infty$
- In general,  $\widehat{f}(n) = \frac{1}{(in)^k}\widehat{f^k}(n) = o(\frac{1}{n^k})$

**Corollary 7.55.**

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If  $f \in C^\infty(\mathbb{T})$ , then  $\lim_{|n| \rightarrow \infty} |n|^k \widehat{f}(n) = 0 \forall k \in \mathbb{N}$ .

In other words, the Fourier coefficients of smooth functions form a rapidly decreasing sequence that decreases faster than any polynomial. Heuristically, a smooth function contains a small amount of high frequency components.

Compare to Theorem 11.18.

**Definition 7.56. Weak  $L^2$ -derivatives (1)**

Notes 1/24/11

Suppose that  $f \in L^2(\mathbb{T})$  such that  $\sum_{n \in \mathbb{Z}} n^2 |\hat{f}(n)|^2 < \infty$ . Then we define the *weak  $L^2$ -derivative*  $g = f' \in L^2(\mathbb{T})$  by

$$g(x) = \sum_{n \in \mathbb{Z}} in \hat{f}(n) e^{inx}$$

See Proposition 7.52 and Proposition 11.21.

**Definition 7.57. Sobolev Space (1)**

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$$H^1(\mathbb{T}) = \{f \in L^2(\mathbb{T}) \mid f' \in L^2(\mathbb{T})\}$$

$$\langle f, g \rangle_{H^1} = \int_{\mathbb{T}} (\bar{f}g + \bar{f}'g') dx = \sum_{n \in \mathbb{Z}} (1 + n^2) \overline{\hat{f}(n)} \hat{g}(n)$$

$$\|f\|_{H^1} = \left[ \int_{\mathbb{T}} (|f|^2 + |f'|^2) dx \right]^{1/2}$$

In other words,  $f \in H^1(\mathbb{T})$  iff  $f$  and its weak derivative  $f'$  (defined by integration by parts) belong to  $L^2(\mathbb{T})$ .

**Definition 7.58. Integration By Parts**

Notes 1/24/11

For  $f, g \in H^1$ :

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{\mathbb{T}} \bar{f}'g dx &= 2\pi \sum \overline{\hat{f}'(n)} \hat{g}(n) \\ &= 2\pi \sum in \overline{\hat{f}(n)} \hat{g}(n) \\ &= -2\pi \sum \overline{\hat{f}(n)} in \hat{g}(n) \\ &= -2\pi \sum \overline{\hat{f}(n)} \hat{g}'(n) \\ &= - \int_{\mathbb{T}} \bar{f}g' dx \end{aligned}$$

**Definition 7.59. Weak Derivative (2)**

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A function  $g \in L^1(\mathbb{T})$  is the *weak derivative* of a function  $f \in L^1(\mathbb{T})$ , written  $g = f'$ , if for every  $\phi \in C^\infty(\mathbb{T})$  we have

$$\int_{\mathbb{T}} f \phi' dx = - \int_{\mathbb{T}} g \phi dx$$

In other words, we are using integration by parts ( $\int_{\mathbb{T}} \bar{f}' g dx = - \int_{\mathbb{T}} \bar{f} g' dx$ ), to define  $f'$  pointwise a.e. We determine  $\hat{g}(n) \forall n$  by choosing  $\phi = e^{-inx}$ .

Compare to Distributional Derivative, Definition 11.10.

**Example 7.60. Weak Derivative of  $f(x) = |x|$** 

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$$f(x) = |x| \quad -\pi < x < \pi$$

$f \in C(\mathbb{T})$ , but its standard derivative  $f' \notin C(\mathbb{T})$  because  $f'(0)$  and  $f'(\pi)$  don't exist. We shall see if  $g = f'$  (weak derivative) exists. We want:

$$\begin{aligned} \int g \phi dx &= - \int f \phi' dx \\ &= - \int_0^\pi x \phi' dx + \int_{-\pi}^0 x \phi' dx \\ &= -x\phi \Big|_0^\pi + \int_0^\pi \phi dx + x\phi \Big|_{-\pi}^0 - \int_{-\pi}^0 \phi dx \\ &= \cancel{-\pi\phi(\pi)} + \pi\phi(\cancel{-\pi}) + \int_{-\pi}^\pi \operatorname{sgn} x \phi dx \end{aligned}$$

We conclude that  $\int f \phi' dx = - \int g \phi dx \forall \phi \in C^\infty(\mathbb{T})$  if  $g(x) = \operatorname{sgn} x$ .

**Example 7.61. Weak Derivative of  $f(x) = \operatorname{sgn} x$**

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$$\begin{aligned}\int h\phi dx &= - \int g\phi' dx \\ &= - \int_0^\pi \phi' dx + \int_{-\pi}^0 \phi' dx \\ &= - [\phi(\pi) - \phi(0)] + [\phi(0) - \phi(-\pi)] \\ &= 2 [\phi(0) - \phi(\pi)]\end{aligned}$$

There is no such  $h \in L^1$ . To see this, take  $\phi = \frac{1}{2\pi}e^{-inx} \in C^\infty(\mathbb{T})$ .

$$\hat{h}(n) = \frac{1}{\pi}[1 - e^{in\pi}] = \begin{cases} \frac{2}{\pi} & n \text{ odd} \\ 0 & n \text{ even} \end{cases}$$

This contradicts the Riemann-Lebesgue Lemma, and therefore there is no such  $h \in L^1$ .

**Proposition 7.62.**

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$f$  is weakly differentiable with  $f \in L^1$  iff it is absolutely continuous.

**Definition 7.63. Absolutely Continuous**

[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Absolute\\_continuity#Absolute\\_continuity\\_of\\_functions](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Absolute_continuity#Absolute_continuity_of_functions)

$f$  is *absolutely continuous* if it has a derivative  $f'$  a.e., the derivative is Lebesgue integrable, and

$$f(x) = f(a) + \int_a^x f'(t) dt$$

**Theorem 7.64.**

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If  $f$  is weakly differentiable with weak derivative  $g = f' \in L^1(\mathbb{T})$ , then

$$\hat{g}(n) = in\hat{f}(n)$$

Proof

$$\hat{g}(n) = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int g(x)e^{-inx} dx = -\frac{1}{2\pi} \int f(x)e^{-inx} dx = in\hat{f}(n)$$

**Proposition 7.65.**

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A function  $f \in L^2(\mathbb{T})$  has a weak derivative  $g \in L^2(\mathbb{T})$  iff

$$\sum_{n \in \mathbb{Z}} n^2 |\hat{f}(n)|^2 < \infty$$

and then

$$g(x) = \sum_{n \in \mathbb{Z}} in \hat{f}(n) e^{inx}$$

**Definition 7.66. Sobolev Space (2)**

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The Sobolev space  $W^{1,p}(\mathbb{T})$ ,  $1 \leq p \leq \infty$ , consists of all functions  $f : \mathbb{T} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$  s.t.  $f \in L^p(\mathbb{T})$ ,  $f' \in L^p(\mathbb{T})$ . If  $p = 2$ , we write  $W^{1,2}(\mathbb{T}) = H^1(\mathbb{T})$  (where the H is because it is a Hilbert space).

A function  $f \in H^1(\mathbb{T})$  iff

$$\sum_{n \in \mathbb{Z}} (1 + n^2) |\hat{f}(n)|^2 < \infty$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} \|f\|_{H^1} &= \left( \int |f|^2 dx + \int |f'|^2 dx \right)^{1/2} \\ &= (\|f\|_{L^2}^2 + \|f'\|_{L^2}^2)^{1/2} \\ &= \left( 2\pi \sum_{n \in \mathbb{Z}} (1 + n^2) |\hat{f}(n)|^2 \right)^{1/2} \end{aligned}$$

**Theorem 7.67. Sobolev Embedding Theorem**

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If  $f \in H^1(\mathbb{T})$  then  $f \in C(\mathbb{T})$  and

$$\|f\|_{\infty} \leq C \|f\|_{H^1}$$

$J : H^1 \rightarrow C$  (Embedding),  $f \mapsto f$ .

Proof

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{n \in \mathbb{Z}} |\hat{f}(n)| &= \sum_{n \in \mathbb{Z}} \frac{1}{(1 + n^2)^{1/2}} (1 + n^2)^{1/2} |\hat{f}(n)| \\ &\leq \left( \sum_{n \in \mathbb{Z}} \frac{1}{(1 + n^2)^{1/2}} \right) \left( \sum_{n \in \mathbb{Z}} (1 + n^2) |\hat{f}(n)|^2 \right)^{1/2} \\ &\leq C \|f\|_{H^1} \end{aligned}$$

It follows that  $f \in C(\mathbb{T})$  because the Fourier series converges uniformly to  $f$  (see Theorem 7.26) and

$$\|f\|_\infty \leq \sum_{n \in \mathbb{Z}} |\hat{f}(n)| \leq C \|f\|_{H^1}$$

## 7.7 Chapter Summary

This chapter explores the spaces  $L^p(\mathbb{T})$ ,  $p \in [1, \infty)$ , with special attention given to the Hilbert space  $L^2(\mathbb{T})$ . These spaces are the completion of  $C(\mathbb{T})$  with respect to the  $L^p$ -norm; thus,  $C(\mathbb{T})$  is dense in  $L^p(\mathbb{T})$  for  $p \in [1, \infty)$ . Since  $\mathbb{T}$  has finite Lebesgue measure, we can use Hölder's Inequality to show that for  $p > q$ ,  $\|\cdot\|_p \geq \|\cdot\|_q$ , which implies that  $L^p(\mathbb{T}) \subset L^q(\mathbb{T})$ . We define the *convolution* of two functions and what it means for a family of functions to be an *approximate identity*, and we use these tools to prove the *Weierstrass Approximation Theorem*, which says that the trigonometric polynomials are dense in  $C(\mathbb{T})$  with respect to the uniform norm. Since uniform convergence implies  $L^2$  convergence, it follows that the functions  $e_n(x) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} e^{inx}$  form an orthonormal basis for  $L^2(\mathbb{T})$ . Thus, for all  $f \in L^2(\mathbb{T})$ , we have that

$$f(x) = \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} \hat{f}_n e^{inx},$$

where the equality is in the  $L^2$  sense. A result from Carleson tells us that the Fourier series of  $f$  converges pointwise to  $f$  a.e.

Next we explore some properties of Fourier series and Fourier coefficients. Let  $f, g \in L^2(\mathbb{T})$ . We use the density of  $C(\mathbb{T})$  in  $L^2(\mathbb{T})$  to prove the *Convolution Theorem*, which allows us to express the Fourier coefficients of  $f * g$  in terms of those of  $f$  and  $g$ :  $(f * g)_n = \sqrt{2\pi} \hat{f}_n \hat{g}_n$ . *Parseval's Theorem* allows us to compute  $\langle f, g \rangle$  using the Fourier coefficients of  $f$  and  $g$ :  $\langle f, g \rangle = \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} \hat{f}_n \hat{g}_n$ .

Now we examine the Fourier series of differentiable functions. Using integration by parts, we show that

$$\hat{f}'_n = in \hat{f}_n.$$

This gives us the concept of a *weak derivative*, since the derivative of  $f$  may not be continuous; e.g.  $f(x) = |x|$ . We define the *Sobolev space*  $H^k(\mathbb{T})$  as the space of  $L^2(\mathbb{T})$  functions with  $k$  weak derivatives. And since the boundary terms on  $\mathbb{T}$  vanish, we have that  $\langle f', g \rangle = -\langle f, g' \rangle$  for  $f, g \in H^1(\mathbb{T})$ . Thus, we may define the weak derivative of a function using integration by parts:  $g \in L^1(\mathbb{T})$  is the weak derivative of  $f \in L^1(\mathbb{T})$  if

$$\int_{\mathbb{T}} f \phi' dx = - \int_{\mathbb{T}} g \phi dx \quad \forall \phi \in C^\infty(\mathbb{T}).$$

Finally, we prove a special case of the *Sobolev Embedding Theorem*: if  $f \in H^k(\mathbb{T})$  for  $k > 1/2$ , then  $f \in C(\mathbb{T})$ .

In addition, Hunter briefly discussed  $L^1(\mathbb{T})$ . We can define the Fourier series of an  $L^1$  function, but we cannot guarantee that it converges to the function. Our main result is the *Riemann-Lebesgue Lemma*, which says that the Fourier coefficients of an  $L^1$  function decay to zero as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ . Hunter then discussed 3 kernels: the *Dirichlet kernel* (standard summation), *Fejér kernel* (*Cesàro summation*), and *Poisson kernel* (*Abel summation*). These kernels are related to the concept of approximate identities, and we convolve the kernels with a function  $f$ . He covered harmonic functions, and our main result is that we can use the Poisson kernel to solve the two-dimensional Laplace equation.

# 11 Distributions and the Fourier Transform

## 11.1 Periodic Distributions

### Definition 11.1. Test Functions

Notes 1/28/11 and [http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Distribution\\_%28mathematics%29](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Distribution_%28mathematics%29) and Hunter's Notes page 51

We define our space of *test functions* as:

$\mathcal{D}(\mathbb{T}) = C^\infty(\mathbb{T})$  with the following topology:

$\varphi_n \rightarrow \varphi \in \mathcal{D}$  if  $\varphi_n^{(k)} \rightarrow \varphi^{(k)}$  uniformly for all  $k = 0, 1, 2, \dots$ . Note that this topology is not obtained from any norm, but rather it is derived.

### Definition 11.2. Distribution

Notes 1/28/11 and Hunter's Notes page 51

A *distribution* is a continuous linear functional,  $T$ , that maps a set of test functions,  $\mathcal{D}(\mathbb{T})$ , onto the set of complex numbers. The space of distributions is denoted by  $\mathcal{D}'(\mathbb{T})$ . For  $T \in \mathcal{D}'(\mathbb{T})$ ,  $\varphi \in \mathcal{D}(\mathbb{T})$ , we write:

$$\langle T, \varphi \rangle = T(\varphi)$$

$\mathcal{D}'(\mathbb{T})$  is the topological dual space of the distributions on  $\mathbb{T}$  (i.e.  $\mathcal{D}(\mathbb{T})$ ), with the topology defined as follows:  $T_n \rightarrow T$  in  $\mathcal{D}'$  if  $\langle T_n, \varphi \rangle \rightarrow \langle T, \varphi \rangle$  in  $\mathbb{C} \forall \varphi \in \mathcal{D}$ .

$$T : \mathcal{D}(\mathbb{T}) \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$$

$$\text{Linear: } \langle T, \lambda\varphi + \mu\psi \rangle = \lambda \langle T, \varphi \rangle + \mu \langle T, \psi \rangle$$

$$\text{Continuous: If } \varphi_n \rightarrow \varphi \in \mathcal{D}, \text{ then } \langle T, \varphi_n \rangle \rightarrow \langle T, \varphi \rangle \in \mathbb{C}$$

Compare Distributional Convergence,  $T_n \rightarrow T$  in  $\mathcal{D}'$  if  $\langle T_n, \varphi \rangle \rightarrow \langle T, \varphi \rangle$ , to Weak Convergence (Definition 8.41):  $x_n \rightarrow x$  if  $\langle x_n, y \rangle \rightarrow \langle x, y \rangle \quad \forall y \in \mathcal{H}$ .

### Definition 11.3. Seminorm

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Our topology on  $\mathcal{D}$  is obtained from a countable family of *seminorms*:

$$\|\varphi\|_k = \sup_{x \in \mathbb{T}} |\varphi^{(k)}(x)|, \quad k = 0, 1, 2, \dots$$

A seminorm has the same properties as a norm except that it may assign length zero to nonzero vectors.



### Example 11.4. Seminorms

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$$d(\varphi, \psi) = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{2^k} \frac{\|\varphi - \psi\|_k}{1 + \|\varphi - \psi\|_k}$$

- This is not a norm because you can't pull out a constant
- This turns  $\mathcal{D}$  into a *Fréchet space* (a complete, metrizable topological vector space topology defined by a countable family of seminorms)
- We could instead use norms to define the topology on  $\mathcal{D}(\mathbb{T})$ :

$$\|\varphi\|_{C^k} = \sum_{j=0}^k \|\varphi\|_j$$

### Remark 11.5.

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Note that the differentiation operator

$$D : \mathcal{D}(\mathbb{T}) \rightarrow \mathcal{D}(\mathbb{T}), \quad D(\varphi) = \varphi'$$

is continuous: if  $\varphi_n \rightarrow \varphi \in \mathcal{D}$ , then  $D\varphi_n \rightarrow D\varphi \in \mathcal{D}$ . This is because there are infinitely many semi-norms.

### Example 11.6. Regular Distribution

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If  $f : \mathbb{T} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$  is integrable,  $f \in L^1(\mathbb{T})$ , define

$$T_f : \mathcal{D}(\mathbb{T}) \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$$
$$T_f(\varphi) = \int_{\mathbb{T}} f\varphi dx$$

$|T_f(\varphi)| \leq \sup |\varphi| \cdot \int |f| dx < \infty$ , so  $T_f$  is well-defined. It is a distribution because it satisfies:

1. **Linearity:** (1)  $T_f(\varphi + \psi) = \int f(\varphi + \psi) dx = T_f(\varphi) + T_f(\psi)$ . (2)  $T_f(c\varphi) = cT_f(\varphi)$
2. **Continuity:** If  $\varphi_n \rightarrow 0$  in  $\mathcal{D}$ , then  $|T_f(\varphi_n)| \leq \sup |\varphi_n| \|f\|_{L^1} \rightarrow 0$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ .  
So  $T_f(\varphi_n) \rightarrow 0$  and  $T_f$  is continuous.

We identify  $f$  with  $T_f$ . Thus,  $L^1(\mathbb{T}) \subset \mathcal{D}'(\mathbb{T})$ .

We call  $T_f$  a *regular distribution*. A regular distribution is a distribution that is given by the integration of a test function  $\varphi$  against a function  $f$ .

**Definition 11.7. Principal Value Distribution**

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A *principal value distribution* is a singular distribution, denoted by p.v.  $(1/x)$ , and its action on a test function  $\varphi$  is given by

$$\text{p.v. } \frac{1}{x}(\varphi) = \lim_{\epsilon \rightarrow 0^+} \int_{|x| > \epsilon} \frac{\varphi(x)}{x} dx$$

**Example 11.8.**

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Consider the periodic  $\delta$ -function (actually a distribution, not a function).

$$\langle \delta, \varphi \rangle = \varphi(0)$$

$$\langle \delta, \varphi + \psi \rangle = (\varphi + \psi)(0) = \varphi(0) + \psi(0) = \langle \delta, \varphi \rangle + \langle \delta, \psi \rangle$$

$$\langle \delta, c\varphi \rangle = c \langle \delta, \varphi \rangle$$

$\varphi_n \rightarrow 0$  implies  $\varphi_n(0) \rightarrow 0$ , and therefore  $\delta$  is a continuous linear functional.

$\delta$  is not regular. Proof:

- Suppose  $\langle \delta, \varphi \rangle = \int f \varphi dx$  for some  $f \in L^1$ .
- Consider  $\varphi_n(x) = \left[ \frac{1+\cos x}{2} \right]^n$
- $\langle \delta, \varphi_n \rangle = 1 \forall n$ , but  $\int f \varphi_n dx \rightarrow 0$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$  by the Lebesgue-Dominated Convergence Theorem if  $f \in L^1$
- Thus, there is no function  $f \in L^1$  such that  $\int f \varphi dx = \varphi(0)$

**Example 11.9.**

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$$\text{Let } T_n = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{2}n & |x| \leq \frac{1}{n} \\ 0 & \frac{1}{n} \leq |x| \leq \pi \end{cases}$$

Then  $\int_{-\pi}^{\pi} T_n dx = 1 \forall n$ . Claim:  $\langle T_n, \varphi \rangle = \frac{n}{2} \int_{-1/n}^{1/n} \varphi(x) dx \rightarrow \varphi(0)$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ . Proof:

$$\begin{aligned} \left| \frac{n}{2} \int_{-1/n}^{1/n} \varphi(x) dx - \varphi(0) \right| &= \frac{n}{2} \left| \int_{-1/n}^{1/n} [\varphi(x) - \varphi(0)] dx \right| \\ &\leq \frac{n}{2} \left[ \sup_{|x| \leq 1/n} |\varphi(x) - \varphi(0)| \right] \cdot \frac{2}{n} \\ &\leq \sup_{|x| \leq 1/n} |\varphi(x) - \varphi(0)| \rightarrow 0 \text{ as } n \rightarrow \infty \end{aligned}$$

**Definition 11.10. *Distributional Derivative***

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Every distribution  $T \in \mathcal{D}'(\mathbb{T})$  has a distributional derivative  $T' \in \mathcal{D}'(\mathbb{T})$  that is given by

$$\langle T', \phi \rangle = -\langle T, \phi' \rangle \quad \forall \phi \in \mathcal{D}(\mathbb{T})$$

Compare to Weak Derivative (2), Definition 7.59.

**Definition 11.11. *Motivation for Distributional Derivatives***

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Suppose  $f \in C^\infty$  is a smooth function. Consider  $T_f$ :

$$\langle T_{f'}, \varphi \rangle = \int f' \varphi \, dx = - \int f \varphi' \, dx = -\langle T_f, \varphi' \rangle$$

Want:  $(T_{f'}) = (T_f)'$

This defines the *distributional derivative*.

1. **Linearity:**  $\langle T', a\varphi + b\psi \rangle = -\langle T, (a\varphi + b\psi)' \rangle = -\langle T, a\varphi' + b\psi' \rangle = -a\langle T, \varphi' \rangle - b\langle T, \psi' \rangle = a\langle T', \varphi \rangle + b\langle T', \psi \rangle$
2. **Continuity:** Suppose  $\varphi_n \rightarrow \varphi$  in  $\mathcal{D}$ . Consider  $\langle T', \varphi \rangle$ .  
 $\langle T', \varphi_n \rangle = -\langle T, \varphi_n' \rangle \rightarrow -\langle T, \varphi' \rangle = \langle T', \varphi \rangle$ , because  $T$  is continuous on  $\mathcal{D}$  and  $D : \varphi \rightarrow \varphi'$  is continuous on  $\mathcal{D}$

**Example 11.12.**

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$$f(x) = |x|, \quad |x| \leq \pi$$

$$f'(x) = \operatorname{sgn} x = g(x)$$

Compute the distributional derivative of  $g$ :

$$\begin{aligned} \langle g', \varphi \rangle &= -\langle g, \varphi' \rangle \\ &= -\int_0^\pi \varphi' dx + \int_{-\pi}^0 \varphi' dx \\ &= -[\varphi(\pi) - \varphi(0)] + [\varphi(0) - \varphi(\pi)] \\ &= 2\varphi(0) - 2\varphi(\pi) \\ &= 2\langle \delta_0, \varphi \rangle - 2\langle \delta_\pi, \varphi \rangle \\ &= \langle 2\delta_0 - 2\delta_\pi, \varphi \rangle \end{aligned}$$

$$g' = 2\delta_0 - 2\delta_\pi$$

$$= 2(\delta - \tau_\pi \delta)$$

Where  $\tau_\pi$  means translation by  $\pi$  and  $\delta_a$  is the  $\delta$ -“function” supported at  $a$ :

$$\langle \delta_a, \varphi \rangle = \varphi(a)$$

**Example 11.13.**

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Compute  $\delta'$ :

$$\langle \delta', \varphi \rangle = -\langle \delta, \varphi' \rangle = -\varphi'(0)$$

**Definition 11.14. *Fourier Coefficients***

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If  $T \in \mathcal{D}'(\mathbb{T})$ , define  $\hat{T}(n) = \frac{1}{2\pi} \langle T, e^{-inx} \rangle$ .

**Example 11.15.**

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Compute the Fourier coefficients of  $\delta$ :

$$\hat{\delta}(n) = \frac{1}{2\pi} \langle \delta, e^{-inx} \rangle = \frac{1}{2\pi} e^0 = \frac{1}{2\pi}$$

$$\delta(x) = \frac{1}{2\pi} \sum_{n \in \mathbb{Z}} e^{inx}$$

**Remark 11.16.**

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There are 3 contexts in which to look at Fourier series:

- Continuous functions  $\Rightarrow$  converge uniformly
- $L^2$  functions  $\Rightarrow$  converge in  $L^2$
- Distribution functions  $\Rightarrow$  converge in the distributional sense

**Example 11.17.**

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$$P_r(x) = \frac{1}{2\pi} \sum_{n \in \mathbb{Z}} r^{|n|} e^{inx}$$

$$\text{Formally, as } r \rightarrow 1^-, P_r(x) \rightarrow \frac{1}{2\pi} \sum_{n \in \mathbb{Z}} r^{|n|} e^{inx} = \delta(x)$$

**Theorem 11.18.**

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$\varphi \in \mathcal{D}$  iff  $(\hat{\varphi}(n))$  is rapidly decreasing, i.e.

$$|n|^k \hat{\varphi}(n) \rightarrow 0 \text{ as } n \rightarrow \infty \forall k \geq 0$$

and the Fourier series of  $\varphi$  converges to  $\varphi$  in  $\mathcal{D}$ .

Compare to Corollary 7.55.

Proof

- $\varphi \in C^k \Rightarrow |n|^k \hat{\varphi}(n) \rightarrow 0$  by the Riemann-Lebesgue Lemma, so if  $\varphi \in C^\infty$ , then the  $\hat{\varphi}(n)$  are rapidly decreasing
- Sobolev Embedding Theorem: If  $\hat{\varphi}(n)$  is rapidly decreasing, then  $\varphi \in H^k(\mathbb{T}) \forall k$  implies that

$$\sum(1+n^2)|\hat{\varphi}(n)|^2 < \infty$$

- Hence,  $\varphi \in C^{k-1}(\mathbb{T}) \forall k$ . So  $\varphi \in C^\infty$ .
- Similarly,  $\sum_{|n| \leq N} \hat{\varphi}(n)e^{inx} \rightarrow \varphi$  in  $H^k \forall k$ 
  - So  $\sum_{|n| \leq N} \hat{\varphi}(n)e^{inx} \rightarrow \varphi$  in  $C^{k-1} \forall k$
  - So  $\sum_{|n| \leq N} \hat{\varphi}(n)e^{inx}$  converges in  $\mathcal{D}$

**Definition 11.19.**  $S(\mathbb{Z})$

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$S(\mathbb{Z})$  is the space of rapidly decreasing sequences,  $(c_n)$ , such that

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} |n|^k c_n = 0 \quad \forall k = 0, 1, 2, \dots$$

**Remark 11.20.**

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$$\mathcal{F} : C^\infty(\mathbb{T}) \rightarrow S(\mathbb{Z})$$

$$\mathcal{F} : \varphi \rightarrow (\hat{\varphi}(n))$$

If  $\varphi \in C^\infty(\mathbb{T})$ , then  $S_N \varphi = \sum_{|n| \leq N} \hat{\varphi}(n)e^{inx} \rightarrow \varphi$  in  $\mathcal{D}$ .

If  $T \in \mathcal{D}'(\mathbb{T})$ , then  $\hat{T}(n) = \frac{1}{2\pi} \langle T, e^{-inx} \rangle$

**Proposition 11.21.**

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$$\widehat{T'}(n) = in\hat{T}(n)$$

See Proposition 7.52 and Definition 7.56.

*Proof.*

$$\begin{aligned} \widehat{T'}(n) &= \frac{1}{2\pi} \langle T', e^{-inx} \rangle = -\frac{1}{2\pi} \langle T, (e^{-inx})' \rangle = in \cdot \frac{1}{2\pi} \langle T, e^{-inx} \rangle \\ &= in\hat{T}(n) \end{aligned}$$

□

**Definition 11.22. Slow Growth**

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A sequence  $(c_n)$  has *slow growth* if there exist  $k, M$  such that  $|c_n| \leq M(1 + n^{2k})^{1/2} \forall n$ .

Equivalently,  $|c_n| \leq M|n|^k \forall n \neq 0$ .

**Lemma 11.23.**

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If  $T \in \mathcal{D}'$ , then  $(\hat{T}(n))$  has slow growth.

*Proof.* If  $T \in \mathcal{D}'$  then  $T$  has some finite order  $k$  such that

$$|\langle T, \varphi \rangle| \leq C \|\varphi\|_{C^k}$$

Then

$$|\hat{T}(n)| = |\langle T, e^{-inx} \rangle| \leq C \|e^{-inx}\|_{C^k} \leq C(1 + n^{2k})^{1/2}$$

□

**Example 11.24. Weierstrass Nowhere Differentiable Function**

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$$f(x) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{2^n} \cos(3^n x)$$

$\sum \frac{1}{2^n} < \infty$ , so  $f \in \mathcal{A}(\mathbb{T})$ .

$$f'(x) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{3^n}{2^n} \sin(3^n x)$$

$f$  is nowhere differentiable, although it does have a distributional derivative.

**Theorem 11.25.**

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If  $T \in \mathcal{D}'(\mathbb{T})$  and  $S_N T = \sum_{|n| \leq N} \hat{T}(n) e^{inx} \in C^\infty(\mathbb{T})$ , then  $S_N T \rightarrow T$  in  $\mathcal{D}'$  as  $N \rightarrow \infty$ .

Ex:  $\delta(x) = \frac{1}{2\pi} \sum_{n \in \mathbb{Z}} e^{inx}$

*Proof.*

$$\begin{aligned}
 \langle S_N T, \varphi \rangle &= \left\langle \sum_{|n| \leq N} \hat{T}(n) e^{inx}, \varphi \right\rangle = \sum_{|n| \leq N} \langle \hat{T}(n) e^{-inx}, \varphi \rangle = \sum_{|n| \leq N} \hat{T}(n) \int e^{inx} \varphi(x) dx \\
 &= 2\pi \sum_{|n| \leq N} \hat{T}(n) \hat{\varphi}(-n) = 2\pi \sum_{|n| \leq N} \langle T, e^{-inx} \rangle \cdot \frac{1}{2\pi} \hat{\varphi}(-n) = \left\langle T, \sum_{|n| \leq N} \hat{\varphi}(-n) e^{-inx} \right\rangle \\
 &= \langle T, S_N \varphi \rangle \rightarrow \langle T, \varphi \rangle \text{ as } n \rightarrow \infty
 \end{aligned}$$

So  $S_N T \rightarrow T$  as  $N \rightarrow \infty$ . □

**Theorem 11.26.**

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If  $(c_n)$  is a sequence of slow growth,  $(c_n) \in S'(\mathbb{Z})$ , then there exists a distribution  $T$  such that  $\hat{T}(n) = c_n$ .

*Proof.* Define  $T$  by

$$\langle T, \varphi \rangle = 2\pi \sum_{n \in \mathbb{Z}} c_n \hat{\varphi}(-n)$$

□

**Remark 11.27.**

Notes 2/2/11

$$\mathcal{F} : f \mapsto \hat{f}(n)$$

$$\mathcal{D}(\mathbb{T}) = C^\infty(\mathbb{T}) \leftrightarrow S(\mathbb{Z})$$

$$C(\mathbb{T}) \supset \mathcal{A}(\mathbb{T}) \leftrightarrow \ell'(\mathbb{Z})$$

$$L^2(\mathbb{T}) \leftrightarrow \ell^2(\mathbb{Z})$$

$$L^1(\mathbb{T}) \rightarrow C_0(\mathbb{Z})$$

$$\mathcal{D}'(\mathbb{T}) \leftrightarrow S'(\mathbb{Z})$$

- $C^\infty \subset L^2(\mathbb{T}) \subset \mathcal{D}'(\mathbb{T})$
- $S(\mathbb{Z}) \subset \ell^2(\mathbb{Z}) \subset S'(\mathbb{Z})$



## 8 Bounded Linear Operators on a Hilbert Space

### 8.1 Orthogonal Projections

#### Definition 8.1. *Direct Sum*

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If  $M$  and  $N$  are subspaces of a linear space  $X$  such that every  $x \in X$  can be written uniquely as  $x = y + z$  with  $y \in M$  and  $z \in N$ , then we say that  $X = M \oplus N$  is the *direct sum* of  $M$  and  $N$ , and we call  $N$  a *complementary subspace* of  $M$  in  $X$ . The decomposition  $x = y + z$  is unique if and only if  $M \cap N = \{0\}$ .

#### Definition 8.2. *Projection, Idempotent, Self-Adjoint*

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Given a direct sum decomposition,  $X = M \oplus N$ , define the *projection*  $P : X \rightarrow X$  onto  $M$  along  $N$  by

$$P(m + n) = m, \quad m \in M, \quad n \in N$$

All projections are linear and *idempotent*, meaning that  $P^2 = P$ , because

$$P^2(m + n) = P(m) = m$$

#### Theorem 8.3.

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Any linear map  $P : X \rightarrow X$  with  $P^2 = P$  is a projection. Specifically, it is the projection onto  $\text{ran } P$  along  $\ker P$ .

*Proof.*

- $x = P(x) + (x - P(x))$
- $P^2(x) = P(x) \Rightarrow P(x) \in \text{ran } P$
- $P(x - P(x)) = Px - P^2x = Px - Px = 0 \Rightarrow x - P(x) \in \ker P$
- Suppose  $x \in \ker P \cap \text{ran } P$ 
  - $x \in \text{ran } P \Rightarrow x = Py$
  - $x \in \ker P \Rightarrow 0 = Px = P^2y = Py = x = 0$
  - Thus,  $x = 0$ , and  $\ker P \cap \text{ran } P = \{0\}$
- Thus,  $X = \text{ran } P \oplus \ker P$

□

**Remark 8.4. Bounded Projections**

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**Question:** Given a projection  $P : X \rightarrow X$ ,  $X$  a Banach space, when can we say that  $P$  is bounded?**Answer:** We need  $\text{ran } P$  closed and complemented by a closed subspace  $N = \ker P$ 

Note: The kernel of a bounded operator is always closed; the range need not be.

**Definition 8.5. Orthogonal Projections, Self-Adjoint**

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Let  $\mathcal{H}$  be a Hilbert space and let  $M \subset \mathcal{H}$  be a closed linear subspace. Then by the Projection Theorem,

$$\mathcal{H} = M \oplus M^\perp, \quad M^\perp = \{y \in \mathcal{H} \mid y \perp m \forall m \in M\}$$

We define the orthogonal projection  $P : \mathcal{H} \rightarrow \mathcal{H}$  onto  $M$  along  $M^\perp$ .An *orthogonal projection*  $P$  on a Hilbert space  $\mathcal{H}$  is

- **Idempotent:**  $P^2 = P$
- **Self-Adjoint:**  $\langle x, Py \rangle = \langle Px, y \rangle$

*Proof.* To see that a projection  $P$  on a Hilbert space  $\mathcal{H}$  is self-adjoint, let

$$x = m + n, \quad y = p + q, \quad \text{where } m, p \in M, \quad n, q \in N$$

Compute:

$$\begin{aligned} \langle x, Py \rangle &= \langle m + n, p \rangle = \langle m, p \rangle + \langle n, p \rangle = \langle m, p \rangle \\ \langle Px, y \rangle &= \langle m, p + q \rangle = \langle m, p \rangle + \langle m, q \rangle = \langle m, p \rangle \end{aligned}$$

□

**Lemma 8.6.**

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If  $P$  is a nonzero orthogonal projection then  $\|P\| = 1$ *Proof.*

$$\|Px\|^2 = \langle Px, Px \rangle = \langle x, P^2x \rangle = \langle x, Px \rangle \leq \|x\| \|Px\|$$

Either  $\|Px\| = 0$  or  $\|Px\| \leq \|x\|$ . Since  $\|Px\| \neq 0 \forall x$ , it must be the case that  $\|Px\| \leq \|x\|$ . Then

$$\|P\| = \sup \frac{\|Px\|}{\|x\|} \leq 1$$

If  $P \neq 0$ , then there exists  $y \in \mathcal{H}$  such that  $Py \neq 0$ . Setting  $x = Py$  in the previous equation yields

$$\|P\| \geq \frac{\|P \cdot Px\|}{\|Px\|} = 1$$

So  $\|P\| = 1$ .

□

### Theorem 8.7.

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If  $P$  is an orthogonal projection, then  $\mathcal{H} = M \oplus M^\perp = \text{ran } P \oplus \text{ker } P$ , where  $M = \text{ran } P$  and  $M^\perp = \text{ker } P$  are closed subspaces. Conversely, if  $M$  is any closed subspace of  $\mathcal{H}$ , then there exists an orthogonal projection with  $M = \text{ran } P$  and  $M^\perp = \text{ker } P$ .

### Example 8.8. Even & Odd Functions

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Let  $\mathcal{H} = L^2(\mathbb{R})$  and let

$M =$  space of even functions,  $f(-x) = f(x)$

$N =$  space of odd functions,  $f(-x) = -f(x)$

$M \perp N$ , since  $\int \bar{f}g \, dx = 0$  for  $f$  odd,  $g$  even. Define

- **Even Projection:**  $P : \mathcal{H} \rightarrow \mathcal{H}$  onto  $M$ ,  $Pf(x) = \frac{1}{2}[f(x) + f(-x)]$
- **Odd Projection:**  $Q : \mathcal{H} \rightarrow \mathcal{H}$  onto  $N$ ,  $Qf(x) = \frac{1}{2}[f(x) - f(-x)]$ 
  - Note:  $Q = I - P$

Check that  $P$  is self-adjoint:

$$\langle Pf, g \rangle = \int_{\mathbb{R}} \frac{1}{2} \overline{[f(x) + f(-x)]} g(x) \, dx = \int_{\mathbb{R}} \frac{1}{2} \bar{f}(x) g(x) + \frac{1}{2} \bar{f}(x) g(-x) \, dx = \langle f, Pg \rangle$$

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Let  $\mathcal{H} = L^2(\mathbb{T})$ . Define  $Pf = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{\mathbb{T}} f \, dx$ ,  $P : \mathcal{H} \rightarrow \mathcal{H}$ .

$$\text{Given: } f = \sum_{n \in \mathbb{Z}} \hat{f}(n) e^{inx}$$

$$\text{Then: } Pf = \hat{f}(0)$$

- **Idempotent:**  $P^2 = P$  since  $Pf$  is a constant, and  $P1 = 1$
- **Self-Adjoint:**  $\langle Pf, g \rangle = \int \left[ \frac{1}{2\pi} \int f \, dx \right] \bar{g} \, dx = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int \bar{f} \, dx \int g \, dx = \langle f, 1 \rangle \cdot \frac{1}{2\pi} \int g \, dx = \langle f, Pg \rangle$

$\text{ran } P =$  constant functions  $= \langle 1 \rangle$  (space spanned by 1)

$\text{ker } P =$  functions with zero mean (i.e.  $\hat{f}(0) = 0$ )

$\text{ran } P \perp \text{ker } P$

**Example 8.10. Fourier Projections**

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We can define the orthogonal projection of  $f$  onto the  $N$ th partial sum of its Fourier series:

$$P_N f = \sum_{|n| \leq N} \hat{f}(n) e^{inx}$$

Similarly, we can define the projection onto the positive  $n$  part of its Fourier series:

$$P f = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \hat{f}(n) e^{inx}$$

$$(I - P) f = \sum_{n=-\infty}^{-1} \hat{f}(n) e^{inx}$$

**Example 8.11.**

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Let  $\mathcal{H} = L^2(\mathbb{R})$ . If  $A \subset \mathbb{R}$  is some Lebesgue measurable set, define

$$\chi_A(x) = \begin{cases} 1 & x \in A \\ 0 & x \notin A \end{cases}$$

Then

$$P_A f = \chi_A f$$

is an orthogonal projection of  $L^2(\mathbb{R})$  onto the subspace of functions with support contained in  $\bar{A}$ .

**8.2 The Dual of a Hilbert Space****Theorem 8.12. Riesz Representation Theorem**

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Given: a Hilbert space  $\mathcal{H}$ , its dual space  $\mathcal{H}^* = \mathcal{B}(\mathcal{H}, \mathbb{C})$  (the set of bounded linear maps  $\varphi : \mathcal{H} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$  with  $\|\varphi\|_{\mathcal{H}^*} = \sup \frac{|\varphi(x)|}{\|x\|} < \infty$ ).

Every  $\varphi \in \mathcal{H}^*$  can be given by  $\varphi(x) = \langle y, x \rangle$  for some  $y \in \mathcal{H}$ , and  $\|\varphi\| = \|y\|$ . Conversely, every  $y \in \mathcal{H}$  corresponds to a  $\varphi \in \mathcal{H}^*$ . The map  $J : \varphi \mapsto y$  is an isometric, antilinear isomorphism of  $\mathcal{H}^*$  onto  $\mathcal{H}$ .

$$\text{Antilinear: } J(\varphi + \psi) = J(\varphi) + J(\psi)$$

$$J(\lambda\varphi) = \bar{\lambda}J(\varphi)$$

*Proof.*

- Suppose  $\varphi \in \mathcal{H}^*$ . We want to find  $y \in \mathcal{H}$  such that  $\varphi(x) = \langle y, x \rangle$

- Suppose  $\varphi \neq 0$ . Then  $\ker \varphi \neq \mathcal{H}$  and  $\ker \varphi$  is closed because  $\varphi$  is bounded
- There exists  $z \in (\ker \varphi)^\perp$  (by the Projection Theorem)
- Consider  $P : \mathcal{H} \rightarrow \mathcal{H}$ ,  $Px = \frac{\varphi(x)}{\varphi(z)}Pz$ . Claim: this is an orthogonal projection.

– **Idempotent:**  $P^2x = P\left(\frac{\varphi(x)}{\varphi(z)}z\right) = \frac{\varphi(x)}{\varphi(z)}Pz = \frac{\varphi(x)}{\varphi(z)}z$  (since  $Pz = z$ )

– **Self-Adjoint:**  $\langle x, Py \rangle = \langle Px, y \rangle$

- $\mathcal{H} = \text{ran } P \oplus \ker P$ ,  $\text{ran } P = \langle z \rangle$ ,  $\ker P = \ker \varphi$
- $x \in \mathcal{H}$ ,  $x = \alpha z + w$ ,  $w \in \ker \varphi$ ,  $\alpha = \frac{\langle z, x \rangle}{\|z\|^2}$
- $\varphi(x) = \alpha\varphi(z) = \frac{\langle z, x \rangle}{\|z\|^2}\varphi(z) = \langle y, x \rangle$ ,  $y = \frac{\overline{\varphi(z)}}{\|z\|^2}z$

□

### 8.3 The Adjoint of an Operator

#### Definition 8.13. Adjoint

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Given a bounded linear map  $A \in \mathcal{B}(\mathcal{H})$ , its *adjoint*  $A^* \in \mathcal{B}(\mathcal{H})$  ( $\leftarrow$  proved in Proposition 8.15) is the linear map that satisfies

$$\langle x, Ay \rangle = \langle A^*x, y \rangle \quad \forall x, y \in \mathcal{H}$$

#### Remark 8.14. Adjoint: Existence and Uniqueness

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To define  $A^*$  such that  $A^*x = z$ , consider  $\varphi_x : \mathcal{H} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ ,  $\varphi_x(y) = \langle x, Ay \rangle$ . Then

$$\begin{aligned} \|\varphi_x(y)\| &\leq \|x\|\|Ay\| \leq \|x\|\|A\|\|y\| \\ \|\varphi_x\| &\leq \|A\|\|x\| \end{aligned}$$

So  $\varphi_x$  is a bounded linear functional. By the Riesz Representation Theorem, there is a unique  $z \in \mathcal{H}$  such that

$$\varphi_x(y) = \langle z, y \rangle$$

Define  $A^*x = z$ . Then

$$\begin{aligned} \langle x, Ay \rangle &= \varphi_x(y) = \langle z, y \rangle = \langle A^*x, y \rangle \\ \langle x, Ay \rangle &= \langle A^*x, y \rangle \quad \forall x, y \in \mathcal{H} \end{aligned}$$

**Proposition 8.15.**

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If  $A \in \mathcal{B}(\mathcal{H})$  then  $A^* \in \mathcal{B}(\mathcal{H})$  and

(1)  $\|A^*\| = \|A\|$

(2)  $\|A\|^2 = \|A^*A\|$

(See also Corollary 8.34.)

*Proof.*

$$\begin{aligned} \|A^*\| &= \sup_{\|x\|=1} \|A^*x\| \quad (\text{See Lemma 8.26 in the book}) \\ &= \sup_{\|x\|=\|y\|=1} |\langle y, A^*x \rangle| = \sup_{\|x\|=\|y\|=1} |\langle Ay, x \rangle| = \sup_{\|y\|=1} \|Ay\| = \|A\| \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \|A\|^2 &= \sup_{\|x\|=1} \|Ax\|^2 = \sup_{\|x\|=1} |\langle Ax, Ax \rangle| = \sup_{\|x\|=1} |\langle x, A^*Ax \rangle| \\ &\leq \|A^*A\| \quad (\text{See Corollary 8.27 in the book}) \\ \|A^*A\| &\leq \|A^*\| \|A\| = \|A\|^2 \\ \|A^*A\| &= \|A\|^2 \end{aligned}$$

□

**Remark 8.16.**

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 $\mathcal{B}(\mathcal{H})$  is a  $C^*$ -algebra.

$$\|AB\| \leq \|A\| \|B\| \quad * : \mathcal{B}(\mathcal{H}) \rightarrow \mathcal{B}(\mathcal{H}), \quad ** = \text{identity} \quad \|A^*\| = \|A\|$$

**Remark 8.17. Generalizations**

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- Given:  $A : \mathcal{H} \rightarrow K$ ,  $A^* : K \rightarrow \mathcal{H}$ , where  $\mathcal{H}, K$  are Hilbert spaces.  
 $\langle x, Ay \rangle_K = \langle A^*x, y \rangle_H \quad \forall y \in \mathcal{H}, x \in K$   
 $A^*$  is the Hilbert space adjoint.
- Given:  $A : X \rightarrow Y$ ,  $A' : Y' \rightarrow X'$ , where  $X, Y$  are Banach spaces and  $X'$  is the dual space of  $X$ .  
 $\langle \psi, Ax \rangle_{Y \times Y'} = \langle A'\psi, x \rangle_{X \times X'} \quad \forall x \in X, \psi \in Y'$   
 $A'$  is the dual operator or Banach space adjoint.

**Example 8.18.**

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Let  $\mathcal{H} = \mathbb{C}^n$ . Then  $A : \mathbb{C}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{C}^n$  is given by a matrix  $(a_{ij})$ .

$$y_i = \sum_{j=1}^n a_{ij}x_j, \quad x = (x_1, \dots, x_n), \quad y = (y_1, \dots, y_n)$$

$$\langle x, y \rangle = \sum_{i=1}^n x_i y_i$$

$$\langle x, Ay \rangle = \sum_{i=1}^n \overline{x_i} \left( \sum_{j=1}^n a_{ij} y_j \right) = \sum_{j=1}^n \left( \sum_{i=1}^n \overline{a_{ij} x_i} \right) y_j$$

$$= \langle A^* x, y \rangle$$

If  $z = A^* x$

$$z_j = \sum_{i=1}^n \overline{a_{ij}} x_i = \sum_{j=1}^n \overline{a_{ji}} x_j$$

- $A^*$  has matrix  $(\overline{a_{ji}})$ , which is the conjugate transpose of  $(a_{ij})$
- $(A^* A)$  is Hermitian, positive definite
- $(A^* A)^* = (A^* A)^* = A^* A$
- $\langle x, A^* A x \rangle = \langle Ax, Ax \rangle \geq 0$
- $A^* A$  has orthogonal eigenvectors that form a basis of  $\mathbb{C}^n$  with eigenvalues  $\mu_1, \mu_2, \dots, \mu_n \geq 0$
- $\|A^* A\| = \max_{1 \leq j \leq n} |\mu_j| = \sigma(A^* A)$  = the spectral radius of  $A^* A$
- $\|A\| = \sqrt{\sigma(A^* A)}$

**Example 8.19.**

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Let  $\mathcal{H} = L^2([0, 1])$ ,  $\langle f, g \rangle = \int_0^1 \overline{f(x)}g(x) dx$ .

Define the integral operator  $K : L^2([0, 1]) \rightarrow L^2([0, 1])$  by

$$Kf(x) = \int_0^1 k(x, y)f(y) dy, \quad k : [0, 1] \times [0, 1] \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$$

(Note:  $k(x, y)$  is the kernel of the integral operator  $K$ . It is not related to the null space.)

**Ex:** Assume that  $k$  is *Hilbert-Schmidt*:  $k$  is measurable on  $[0, 1] \times [0, 1]$  and

$$\|K\|^2 \leq \int_0^1 \int_0^1 |k(x, y)|^2 dx dy < \infty$$

$$\begin{aligned} \langle f, Kg \rangle &= \int_0^1 \overline{f(x)} \left( \int_0^1 k(x, y)g(y) dy \right) dx \\ &= \int_0^1 \left( \int_0^1 \overline{f(x)k(x, y)} dx \right) g(y) dy \\ &= \langle K^*f, g \rangle \end{aligned}$$

Since

$$\begin{aligned} K^*f(y) &= \int_0^1 \overline{k(x, y)}f(x) dx \\ K^*f(x) &= \int_0^1 \overline{k(y, x)}f(y) dy \end{aligned}$$

Thus,  $K^*$  is an integral operator with conjugate transpose kernel of  $k$ .

**Example 8.20.**

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Recall the right and left shift operators, respectively:

$$S(x_1, x_2, x_3, \dots) = (0, x_1, x_2, x_3, \dots) \quad T(x_1, x_2, x_3, \dots) = (x_2, x_3, \dots)$$

$T$  is the adjoint of  $S$ , i.e.  $T = S^*$ . Also,  $S = T^*$ .

**Example 8.21. Solvability of Linear Equations**

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Consider  $A : \mathcal{H} \rightarrow \mathcal{H}$ ,  $Ax = y$ . Suppose for some  $y \in \mathcal{H}$  we have a solution for  $x \in \mathcal{H}$ .

Let  $z \in \ker A^*$ . Then

$$\langle z, Ax \rangle = \langle A^*z, x \rangle = \langle z, y \rangle$$

Thus, a necessary condition for solvability is that  $y \perp z \forall z \in \ker A^*$ , i.e.  $y \perp \ker A^*$ .



**Theorem 8.22.**

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If  $A \in \mathcal{B}(\mathcal{H})$ , then  $\mathcal{H} = \overline{\text{ran } A} \oplus (\ker A^*)$ , and

$$\overline{\text{ran } A} = (\ker A^*)^\perp \quad \ker A = (\text{ran } A^*)^\perp$$

*Proof.* From Example 8.21, if  $y \in \text{ran } A$  then  $y \in (\ker A^*)^\perp$ .

$$\begin{aligned} \text{ran } A &\subset (\ker A^*)^\perp \\ \overline{\text{ran } A} &\subset (\ker A^*)^\perp \quad \text{since orthogonal complements are closed} \end{aligned}$$

If  $y \in (\text{ran } A)^\perp$  then

$$\begin{aligned} \langle Ax, z \rangle &= 0 \quad \forall x \in \mathcal{H} \\ \langle x, A^*y \rangle &= 0 \quad \forall x \in \mathcal{H} \end{aligned}$$

This implies that  $A^*y = 0$ , so  $y \in \ker A^*$ .

$$\begin{aligned} (\text{ran } A)^\perp &\subset \ker A^* \\ \overline{\text{ran } A} &= (\text{ran } A)^{\perp\perp} \supset (\ker A^*)^\perp \end{aligned}$$

□

**Corollary 8.23.**

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If  $A \in \mathcal{B}(\mathcal{H})$  has closed range ( $\text{ran } A$  is a closed linear subspace), then  $Ax = y$  is solvable iff  $y \perp \ker A^*$ .

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If  $\mathcal{H}$  is finite dimensional, or  $A$  has finite rank, then  $\text{ran } A$  is closed and Corollary 8.23 applies.

**Example 8.25.**

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Recall the left ( $T$ ) and right ( $S$ ) shift operators.  $S^* = T$ ,  $T^* = S$ .

$$1. \mathcal{H} = \overline{\text{ran } S} \oplus \ker S^* = \overline{\text{ran } S} \oplus \ker T$$

$$2. \mathcal{H} = \overline{\text{ran } T} \oplus \ker T^* = \overline{\text{ran } T} \oplus \ker S$$

$$\bullet \text{ran } S = \{(x_1, x_2, \dots) \in \ell^2 \mid x_1 = 0\}$$

$$\bullet \text{ran } T = \ell^2(\mathbb{N})$$

$$\bullet \ker S = \{0\}$$

$$\bullet \ker T = \{(x_1, 0, 0, 0, \dots) \mid x_1 \in \mathbb{C}\}$$

$Sx = y$  is solvable iff  $y \perp \ker T$ , and the solution is unique.

$Tx = y$  is solvable for all  $y \in \ell^2(\mathbb{N})$ , but the solution is not unique.

**Example 8.26.**

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Let  $\mathcal{H} = \ell^2(\mathbb{N})$ ,  $A(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n, \dots) = (x, \frac{1}{2}x_2, \dots, \frac{1}{n}x_n, \dots)$ .

$$[A] = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & & & & & \\ & \frac{1}{2} & & & & \\ & & \frac{1}{3} & & & \\ & & & \ddots & & \\ & & & & \frac{1}{n} & \\ & & & & & \ddots \end{pmatrix}, \quad A^* = A \text{ (self-adjoint)}$$

$$\ker A = \ker A^* = \{0\}$$

$$\mathcal{H} = \overline{\text{ran } A} \oplus \ker A$$

Given  $y = (y_1, y_2, \dots) \in \ell^2(\mathbb{N})$ , does there exist  $x = (x_1, x_2, \dots) \in \ell^2(\mathbb{N})$  such that  $Ax = y$ ?

$$x \in \ell^2(\mathbb{N}) \Leftrightarrow \sum n^2 |y_n| < \infty$$

$$\text{ran } A = \{(x_1, x_2, \dots) \in \ell^2(\mathbb{N}) \mid \sum n^2 |x_n|^2 < \infty\}$$

$\text{ran } A \neq \mathcal{H}$ , so  $A$  is not onto.

$$\text{Ex: } M = \{(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_N, 0, 0, \dots)\} \subset \text{ran } A$$

$$M \text{ is dense in } \ell^2(\mathbb{N}), \text{ so } \overline{\text{ran } A} = \ell^2(\mathbb{N}), \quad \ell^2(\mathbb{N}) = \overline{\text{ran } A} \oplus \ker A^*$$

Consider:  $Ax = y$ ,  $y \perp \ker A^* = \ker A = \{0\} \forall y \in \ell^2(\mathbb{N})$ . This is not solvable for every  $y \in \ell^2(\mathbb{N})$ , only for  $y \in \text{ran } A$ , and  $\text{ran } A$  is a dense, non-closed subspace of  $\ell^2(\mathbb{N})$ .

**8.4 Self-Adjoint and Unitary Operators****Definition 8.27. Self-Adjoint**

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A bounded operator  $A : \mathcal{H} \rightarrow \mathcal{H}$  on a Hilbert space  $\mathcal{H}$  is *self-adjoint* if  $A^* = A$ .

Equivalently,  $A$  is *self-adjoint* iff

$$\langle x, Ay \rangle = \langle Ax, y \rangle \quad \forall x, y \in \mathcal{H}$$

**Example 8.28. Self-Adjoint Operators**

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1.  $A : \mathbb{C}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{C}^n$ ,  $[A]^* = [A]$   
 $A : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$ ,  $[A]^T = [A]$
2.  $\mathcal{H} = L^2(\mathbb{R})$ . Suppose  $a : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$  is bounded and measurable. Define  $M : \mathcal{H} \rightarrow \mathcal{H}$ ,  $Mf = af$ .  
 $\|Mf\|_2 \leq \|a\|_\infty \|f\|_2$ .  
 $M^*f = \bar{a}f$ ,  $M^* = M$  if  $a : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ .
3. Orthogonal projections:  $P^2 = P = P^*$  (self-adjoint)
4. Given  $T \in \mathcal{B}(\mathcal{H})$ ,  $A = T^*T$  is self-adjoint.  
 $T = A + iB$ ,  $A = \frac{1}{2}(T^* + T)$ ,  $B = \frac{1}{2i}(T^* - T)$   
 $A^* = A$ ,  $B^* = B$
5. The shift operators are NOT self-adjoint because  $S^* = T \neq S$

**Definition 8.29. Bilinear Forms, Sesquilinear**

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Let  $A : \mathcal{H} \rightarrow \mathcal{H}$  be a bounded linear operator. We define the *bilinear form*  $a : \mathcal{H} \times \mathcal{H} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$  by

$$a(x, y) = \langle x, Ay \rangle$$

We say that  $a$  is *sesquilinear* because

$$a(x, \lambda y + \mu z) = \lambda a(x, y) + \mu a(x, z)$$

$$a(\lambda x + \mu y, z) = \bar{\lambda} a(x, z) + \bar{\mu} a(y, z)$$

**Definition 8.30. Hermitian Symmetric & Symmetric**

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Suppose  $A$  is self-adjoint. Then

$$\langle x, Ay \rangle = \langle Ax, y \rangle = \overline{\langle y, Ax \rangle}$$

$$a(x, y) = \overline{a(x, y)}$$

We say that  $a$  is *Hermitian symmetric*. In the real case, we have  $a(x, y) = a(y, x)$ , and we say that this is *symmetric*.

**Definition 8.31. Quadratic Form**

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Given  $A : \mathcal{H} \rightarrow \mathcal{H}$ , we define the *quadratic form*  $q : \mathcal{H} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$  by

$$q(x) = \langle x, Ax \rangle = a(x, x)$$

If  $A$  is self-adjoint, then  $a(x, x) = \overline{a(x, x)}$ , so  $a(x, x)$  is real for all  $x \in \mathcal{H}$ .

**Definition 8.32. Positive, Positive Definite**

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A self-adjoint operator  $A$  is *positive* or *positive definite* if  $\langle x, Ax \rangle = a(x, x) > 0$  for all  $x \in \mathcal{H}, x \neq 0$ .

**Theorem 8.33.**

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If  $A$  is self-adjoint then

$$\|A\| = \sup_{x \neq 0} \frac{|\langle x, Ax \rangle|}{\|x\|^2} = \sup_{\|x\|=1} |\langle x, Ax \rangle|$$

Note: compare this to  $\|A\| = \sup_{\|x\|=1} |\langle Ax, Ax \rangle|^{1/2}$  (see part 2 of Proposition 8.15).

*Proof.*

$$|\langle x, Ax \rangle| \leq \|x\| \|Ax\| \leq \|A\| \|x\|^2 \quad (\text{Cauchy-Schwarz})$$

Let  $\alpha = \sup_{\|x\| \neq 0} \frac{|\langle x, Ax \rangle|}{\|x\|^2} \leq \|A\|$ . Then  $|\langle x, Ax \rangle| \leq \alpha \|x\|^2 \leq \|A\| \|x\|^2$ . The parallelogram law states that

$$\langle x, Ay \rangle = \frac{1}{4} \{ \langle x+y, A(x+y) \rangle - \langle x-y, A(x-y) \rangle - i \langle x+iy, A(x+iy) \rangle + i \langle x-iy, A(x-iy) \rangle \}$$

In general,

$$\|A\| = \sup_{\|x\|=\|y\|=1} |\langle x, Ay \rangle|$$

and this does not require self-adjoint. If  $A$  is self-adjoint, the first 2 terms in the parallelogram law expression are real and the last 2 are imaginary. We can multiply  $y$  by  $e^{i\theta}$  so that  $e^{i\theta} \langle x, Ay \rangle = \langle x, Az \rangle$  is real, where  $z = ye^{i\theta}$ . Then we have

$$\begin{aligned} e^{i\theta} \langle x, Ay \rangle &= \langle x, Az \rangle \\ &= \frac{1}{4} \{ \langle x+z, A(x+z) \rangle - \langle x-z, A(x-z) \rangle \} \\ |\langle x, Ay \rangle| &\leq \frac{1}{4} |\langle x+z, A(x+z) \rangle| + \frac{1}{4} |\langle x-z, A(x-z) \rangle| \\ &\leq \frac{\alpha}{4} (\|x+z\|^2 + \|x-z\|^2) \\ &\leq \frac{\alpha}{2} (\|x\|^2 + \|z\|^2) \quad (\text{by the parallelogram rule (not law)}) \\ \|A\| &\leq \sup_{\|x\|=\|y\|=1} |\langle x, Ay \rangle| \leq \frac{\alpha}{2} (\|x\|^2 + \|y\|^2) \leq \frac{\alpha}{2} (1+1) = \alpha \end{aligned}$$

□

**Corollary 8.34.**

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If  $A$  is a bounded operator on a Hilbert space then  $\|A^*A\| = \|A\|^2$ . If  $A$  is self-adjoint, then  $\|A^2\| = \|A\|^2$ .

The proof follows directly from Proposition 8.15.

**Definition 8.35. Unitary Operators**

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An operator  $U : \mathcal{H} \rightarrow \mathcal{H}$  is *unitary* if

$$U^*U = UU^* = I, \quad \text{i.e. } U^* = U^{-1}$$

Note that

$$\langle Ux, Uy \rangle = \langle U^*Ux, y \rangle = \langle x, y \rangle$$

so  $U$  preserves norms and inner products. Furthermore, if  $\{e_n \mid n \in \mathbb{N}\}$  is an orthonormal basis of  $\mathcal{H}$ , then so is  $\{Ue_n \mid n \in \mathbb{N}\}$ .

**Example 8.36.**

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1.  $U : \mathbb{C}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{C}^2$  with matrix

$$[U] = \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ -\bar{b} & \bar{a} \end{pmatrix}, \quad |a|^2 + |b|^2 = 1, \quad a, b \in \mathbb{C}$$

In the real case,  $a = \cos \theta$ ,  $b = \sin \theta$ , and  $U$  is rotation by  $\theta$ .

2. The right shift operator  $S$  on  $\ell^2(\mathbb{N})$  is not unitary because

$$S^* = T, \quad S^*S = I, \quad SS^* = P \neq I$$

3. If  $A^* = A$  then  $U = e^{iA}$  is unitary, where

$$e^{iA} = I + (iA) + \cdots + \frac{1}{n!}(iA)^n + \cdots$$

$$U^* = e^{-iA}$$

$$U^*U = I$$

**Example 8.37. Quantum Mechanics**

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In quantum mechanics we have the Hamiltonian operator  $H$ , with  $H^* = H$ . We also have  $U(t) = e^{itH}$ ,  $U : \mathcal{H} \rightarrow \mathcal{K}$ ,  $U^* : \mathcal{K} \rightarrow \mathcal{H}$ .  $U$  is unitary if  $U^*U = I_{\mathcal{H}}$  and  $UU^* = I_{\mathcal{K}}$ . We say that 2 Hilbert spaces are *isometric* if they are unitarily equivalent.

**Example 8.38.**

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$$\mathcal{F} : L^2(\mathbb{T}) \rightarrow \ell^2(\mathbb{Z}) \text{ is unitary}$$

$$\mathcal{F}f = \hat{f}, \quad \hat{f}(n) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_{\mathbb{T}} f(x)e^{-inx} dx$$

**Definition 8.39. Normal Operators**

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If  $T : \mathcal{H} \rightarrow \mathcal{H}$  is a bounded linear operator on a Hilbert space  $\mathcal{H}$ , then  $T$  is *normal* if

$$[T^*, T] \equiv T^*T - TT^* = 0 \quad \text{i.e.} \quad T^*T = TT^*$$

Self-adjoint and unitary operators are normal.

**Example 8.40.**

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1. Self-adjoint and unitary operators are normal
2. The shift operators on  $\ell^2(\mathbb{N})$  are not normal
3. Any multiplication operator is normal

$$M : L^2(\mathbb{R}) \rightarrow L^2(\mathbb{R})$$

$$(Mf)(x) = m(x)f(x), \quad m \in L^\infty(\mathbb{R})$$

$$M^*f = \bar{m}f$$

$$M^*Mf = \bar{m}mf = m\bar{m}f = MM^*f$$

Special cases

- (a) If  $m$  is real-valued then  $M = M^*$ , so  $M$  is self-adjoint. For
- (b) For  $M$  to be unitary, we must have  $m = e^{i\theta}$ .

**8.6 Weak Convergence in a Hilbert Space****Definition 8.41. Weak Convergence**

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A sequence  $(x_n)$  in a Hilbert space  $\mathcal{H}$  *converges weakly* to  $x \in \mathcal{H}$ , written  $x_n \rightharpoonup x$ , if

$$\langle x_n, y \rangle \rightarrow \langle x, y \rangle \quad \forall y \in \mathcal{H}$$

Compare to Distributional Convergence (Definition 11.2):  $T_n \rightharpoonup T$  in  $\mathcal{D}'$  if  $\langle T_n, \varphi \rangle \rightarrow \langle T, \varphi \rangle$ .

**Definition 8.42. Strong Convergence**

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We write *strong (norm) convergence* as  $x_n \rightarrow x$  if  $\|x_n - x\| \rightarrow 0$ .

**Remark 8.43. Weak vs. Strong Convergence**

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If  $x_n \rightarrow x$ , then  $x_n \rightharpoonup x$  because

$$|\langle x_n, y \rangle - \langle x, y \rangle| \leq \|x_n - x\| \|y\| \quad (\text{Cauchy-Schwarz})$$

In a finite dimensional space, the converse is true, but this is not the case in infinite dimensional spaces.

Weak convergence = component-wise convergence

**Example 8.44.**

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Let  $\mathcal{H}$  be a separable Hilbert space and let  $\{e_n \mid n \in \mathbb{N}\}$  be a separable orthonormal basis. Then  $e_n \rightharpoonup 0$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$  because

$$\langle e_n, y \rangle = y_n \rightarrow 0 \quad \text{as } n \rightarrow \infty \quad \text{because } \sum |y_n|^2 < \infty$$

But  $(e_n)$  doesn't converge strongly because

$$\|e_n - e_m\| = \sqrt{2} \quad \forall n \neq m$$

and so the sequence is not Cauchy and hence not convergent.

**Example 8.45.**

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Define an unbounded sequence  $(x_n)$  by  $x_n = ne_n$ . We know that

$$\langle x_n, e_m \rangle \rightarrow 0 \quad \Rightarrow \quad \langle x_n, y \rangle \rightarrow 0 \quad \text{as } n \rightarrow \infty \quad \forall y = \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} c_m e_m$$

Let  $y_1 = \sum \frac{1}{m} e_m$ . Then

$$\langle x_n, y_1 \rangle = \frac{1}{n} \cdot n = 1 \quad \forall n$$

Let  $y_2 = \sum \frac{1}{m^{3/4}} e_m \in \mathcal{H}$ . Then

$$\langle x_n, y_2 \rangle = \frac{1}{n^{3/4}} \cdot n \rightarrow 0$$

Thus,  $(x_n)$  does not converge weakly.

**Theorem 8.46. Uniform Boundedness Theorem**

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Suppose that  $\{\varphi_n : X \rightarrow \mathbb{C} \mid n \in \mathbb{N}\}$  is a set of functionals on a Banach space  $X$  such that the set of complex numbers  $\{\varphi_n(x) \mid n \in \mathbb{N}\}$  is bounded for each  $x \in X$ . Then  $\{\|\varphi_n\| \mid n \in \mathbb{N}\}$  is bounded.

**Theorem 8.47.**

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If  $x_n \rightharpoonup x$  then  $\{\|x_n\| \mid n \in \mathbb{N}\}$  is bounded.

*Proof.* Define  $\varphi_n : \mathcal{H} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$  by  $\varphi_n(y) = \langle x_n, y \rangle$ . Then  $\varphi_n \in \mathcal{H}^*$ . By the uniform boundedness theorem (Theorem 8.46),

$$|\varphi_n(y)| \leq M \quad \forall y \in \mathcal{H}, n \in \mathbb{N}$$

$$\{|\varphi_n(y)| \mid n \in \mathbb{N}\} \text{ is bounded for each } y \in \mathcal{H}, \text{ so } \{\|\varphi_n\| \mid n \in \mathbb{N}\} \text{ is bounded}$$

□

**Theorem 8.48.**

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Let  $D \subset \mathcal{H}$  be a dense subset. Then  $x_n \rightharpoonup x$  iff

- (a)  $\{\|x_n\| \mid n \in \mathbb{N}\}$  is bounded
- (b)  $\langle x_n, y \rangle \rightarrow \langle x, y \rangle \quad \forall y \in D$

**Proposition 8.49.**

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If  $x_n \rightharpoonup x$ , then  $\|x\| \leq \liminf_{n \rightarrow \infty} \|x_n\|$

*Proof.*

$$\|x\|^2 = \langle x, x \rangle = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \langle x_n, x \rangle \leq \|x\| \liminf_{n \rightarrow \infty} \|x_n\|$$

$$\langle x_n, x \rangle \leq \|x_n\| \|x\| \quad (\text{Cauchy-Schwarz})$$

Note: if  $a_n \leq b_n$ ,  $a_n \rightarrow a$ , then  $a \leq \liminf b_n$ .

$$\|x_n - x\|^2 = \langle x_n - x, x_n - x \rangle = \|x_n\|^2 - \langle x, x_n \rangle - \langle x_n, x \rangle + \|x\|^2$$

If  $x_n \rightharpoonup x$ , then  $\|x_n\| \rightarrow \|x\|$ , and

$$\|x_n - x\|^2 \rightarrow \|x\|^2 - \langle x, x \rangle - \langle x, x \rangle + \|x\|^2 = 0$$

□



**Example 8.50. Example for Proposition 8.49**

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$$\begin{array}{ll}
x_1 = e_1 & x_n \rightarrow 0 \\
x_2 = 2e_2 & \\
x_3 = e_3 & \\
x_4 = 2e_4 & \liminf_{n \rightarrow \infty} = 1 \\
\vdots &
\end{array}
\quad \|x_n\| = \begin{cases} 1 & n \text{ odd} \\ 2 & n \text{ even} \end{cases}$$

**Example 8.51. Weak Convergence  $\not\Rightarrow$  Strong Convergence**

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**(a) Oscillation:**(1) Let  $\mathcal{H} = L^2(\mathbb{T})$ ,  $f_n(x) = e^{inx} \rightarrow 0$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ *Proof.*  $\|f_n\| = \sqrt{2\pi}$  is bounded, and  $\langle e^{inx}, \varphi \rangle \rightarrow 0$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$  for all trig polynomials  $\varphi$ , and the trig polynomials are dense in  $L^2(\mathbb{T})$ .  $\square$ (2) Let  $\mathcal{H} = L^2(\mathbb{R})$ . Recall that  $C_C^\infty(\mathbb{R}) \subset L^2(\mathbb{R})$  are the smooth functions with compact support, and they are dense in  $L^2(\mathbb{R})$ . Then  $f_n \rightarrow f$  iffi.  $\|f\| \leq M$  (bounded)ii.  $\int f_n \varphi dx \rightarrow \int f \varphi dx \forall \varphi \in C_C^\infty(\mathbb{R})$ Consider  $f_n(x) = \psi(x) \sin(n\pi x)$ , where  $\psi \in C_C^\infty(\mathbb{R}) \cap L^2(\mathbb{R})$ . Then  $f_n \rightarrow 0$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ , but  $f_n \not\rightarrow 0$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ . (See proof below)**(b) Concentration:** Consider

$$f_n(x) = \begin{cases} n^{1/2} & 0 < x < \frac{1}{n} \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

i.  $\|f_n\|^2 = \int_0^{1/n} (n^{1/2})^2 dx = 1$ ii.  $\forall \varphi \in C_C^\infty(\mathbb{R})$ ,  $|\int f_n \varphi dx| = |n^{1/2} \int_0^{1/n} \varphi dx| \leq n^{1/2} \cdot \frac{1}{n} \|\varphi\|_\infty \rightarrow 0$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ So  $f_n \rightarrow 0$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ Does  $f_n$  converge strongly to 0? No, because  $\|f_n\| = 1 \forall n$ . (See below for more details)**(c) Escape to Infinity:**

$$f_n(x) = \begin{cases} 1 & n < x < n+1 \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

i.  $\|f_n\|_{L^2} = 1$ , so  $f_n$  is bounded.ii.  $\int f_n \varphi dx \rightarrow 0$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty \forall \varphi \in C_C^\infty(\mathbb{R})$ Thus,  $f_n \rightarrow 0$ , but  $f_n \not\rightarrow 0$  because  $\|f_n\| = 1 \forall n$ .*Proof.* (a2)i.  $\|f_n\|^2 = \int \psi^2(x) \sin^2(n\pi x) dx \leq \int \psi^2(x) dx \leq \|\psi\|^2$ ii. Suppose  $\varphi \in C_C(\mathbb{R})$ .

$$\begin{aligned}
\int f_n(x)\varphi(x) dx &= \int \psi(x) \sin(n\pi x)\varphi(x) dx \\
&= \int \frac{\cos(n\pi x)}{n\pi} [\varphi(x)\psi(x)]' dx && \text{(IBP, no boundary terms because } \varphi \in C_C(\mathbb{R})) \\
\left| \int f_n \varphi dx \right| &\leq \frac{1}{n\pi} \int (|\varphi\psi|)' dx \\
&\leq \frac{c}{n}
\end{aligned}$$

So  $\int f_n \varphi dx \rightarrow 0$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ , and thus  $f_n \rightarrow f$ .

Does  $(f_n)$  converge strongly? i.e., does  $f_n \rightarrow 0$ ? (see Remark 8.52)

If  $\psi \neq 0$ , then

$$\|f_n\|^2 = \int \psi^2(x) \sin^2(n\pi x) dx = \int \psi^2(x) \cdot \frac{1}{2} [1 - \cos(2n\pi x)] dx \rightarrow \frac{1}{2} \|\psi\|^2 \neq 0$$

In fact, if we set  $g_n = f_n^2 = [\psi(x)]^2 \sin^2(n\pi x)$ , then  $g_n \rightarrow \frac{1}{2}\psi^2(x)$  because

$$\begin{aligned}
\int g_n(x)\varphi(x) dx &= \int \psi^2(x) \sin^2(n\pi x)\varphi(x) dx \\
&= \frac{1}{2} \int \psi^2 \varphi dx - \frac{1}{2} \int \varphi^2 \psi \cos(2\pi n x) dx \\
&\rightarrow \frac{1}{2} \int \psi^2 \varphi dx
\end{aligned}$$

So  $g_n \rightarrow \frac{1}{2}\psi^2$  □

*Proof.* (b)

$$g_n = \begin{cases} n & 0 < x < \frac{1}{n} \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

$\|g_n\| = \sqrt{n}$ ,  $(g_n)$  is unbounded, so  $g_n \not\rightarrow g$ . In fact,  $g_n \rightarrow \delta \in \mathcal{D}'(\mathbb{R})$ .

$$h_n = \begin{cases} n^{1/4} & 0 < x < \frac{1}{n} \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

$\|h_n\| = 0$ , and  $(h_n)$  is strongly and weakly convergent to 0.  $\frac{1}{2}$  is the critical value for  $L^2$ , and  $\frac{1}{p}$  is the critical value for  $L^p$ . □

**Remark 8.52.**

If  $f_n \rightarrow f$  and  $f_n \rightarrow g$ , then we must have  $f = g$  because

$$\begin{aligned}
\langle f_n, h \rangle &\rightarrow \langle f, h \rangle \quad \forall h \in \mathcal{H} \\
\langle f_n, h \rangle &\rightarrow \langle g, h \rangle \quad \forall h \in \mathcal{H}
\end{aligned}$$

Since  $\langle f, h \rangle = \langle g, h \rangle \quad \forall h$ , we have that  $f = g$ .

## 8.7 The Banach-Alaoglu Theorem

### Definition 8.53. *Weakly Sequentially Compact*

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A set  $K \subset \mathcal{H}$  is *weakly sequentially compact* if for any sequence  $(x_n) \subset K$  there exists a subsequence  $(x_{n_k})$  such that  $x_{n_k} \rightharpoonup x \in K$ .

### Theorem 8.54. *Banach-Alaoglu Theorem*

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Suppose that  $\mathcal{H}$  is a separable Hilbert space and  $\overline{B} = \{x \in \mathcal{H} \mid \|x\| \leq 1\}$  is the closed unit ball. Then  $\overline{B}$  is weakly sequentially compact.

#### Remarks

1.  $\overline{B}$  is not strongly compact if  $\mathcal{H}$  is infinite-dimensional. Ex:  $\{e_n\}$  is an orthonormal basis, but  $(e_n)$  has no convergent subsequence
2. This can be thought of as a replacement of the Heine-Borel theorem in the infinite-dimensional case

*Proof.* Let  $\{y_k \mid k \in \mathbb{N}\}$  be a dense subset of  $\mathcal{H}$ . Consider  $(\langle x_n, y_1 \rangle)_n \subset \mathbb{C}$ . By Cauchy-Schwarz,  $|\langle x_n, y_1 \rangle| \leq \|x_n\| \|y_1\| \leq \|y_1\|$ , so the sequence is bounded, and thus there exists a subsequence of  $(x_n)$ , denoted  $(x_{n_1, k})_k = (x_{1, k})$  such that  $\langle x_{1, k}, y_1 \rangle$  converges as  $k \rightarrow \infty$ . Pick a subsequence  $(x_{2, k})$  of  $(x_{1, k})$  such that  $\langle x_{2, k}, y_2 \rangle$  converges as  $k \rightarrow \infty$ . Let  $x_j = x_{j, j}$  be the diagonal sequence. Then  $\langle x_j, y_n \rangle$  converges for every  $y_k$  as  $j \rightarrow \infty$  in this dense subset of  $\mathcal{H}$ . This defines a bounded linear functional  $F$  on  $D = \{y_k \mid k \in \mathbb{N}\}$ . By the Bounded Linear Transformation Theorem, this extends to a bounded linear functional  $\overline{F} : \mathcal{H} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$  such that  $\overline{F}(y_k) = \lim_{j \rightarrow \infty} \langle x_j, y_k \rangle$  for all  $k \in \mathbb{N}$ . By the Riesz Representation Theorem, there exists  $x \in \mathcal{H}$  such that  $\langle x, y_k \rangle = \lim_{j \rightarrow \infty} \langle x_j, y_k \rangle$  for all  $k \in \mathbb{N}$ . Since  $\{y_k\}$  is dense in  $\mathcal{H}$  and  $\|x\| \leq 1$ ,  $\langle x, y \rangle = \lim_{j \rightarrow \infty} \langle x_j, y \rangle$  for all  $y \in \mathcal{H}$ , and thus  $x_j \rightharpoonup x$ .  $\|x\| \leq \liminf_{j \rightarrow \infty} \|x_j\| \leq 1$ , so  $x \in \overline{B}$ .  $\square$

### Remark 8.55.

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1. We don't need  $\mathcal{H}$  to be separable (restrict to a closed subspace spanned by  $\{x_n\}$  which is separable)
2. Generalization to Banach spaces: the unit ball of  $X^*$  is weak-\* compact (equivalent to being weak compact if  $X$  is reflexive, i.e.  $X^{**} = X$ )

### Definition 8.56. *Weakly Sequentially Closed*

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A set  $F \subset \mathcal{H}$  is *weakly sequentially closed* if whenever  $(x_n) \subset F$  is a sequence and  $x_n \rightharpoonup x$ , then  $x \in F$ .

**Example 8.57. Weakly Closed  $\Rightarrow$  Strongly Closed**

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Weakly closed implies strongly closed, but not conversely if  $\mathcal{H}$  is infinite-dimensional. For example, let

$$S = \{x \in \mathcal{H} \mid \|x\| = 1\}$$

$$\overline{B} = \{x \in \mathcal{H} \mid \|x\| \leq 1\}$$

$S$  is not weakly closed because  $(e_n) \subset S$ ,  $e_n \rightharpoonup 0 \notin S$ .  $\overline{B}$  is weakly closed because if  $x_n \rightharpoonup x$ , then  $\|x\| \leq \liminf \|x_n\|$ . The weak closure of  $S$  is  $\overline{B}$ .

**Definition 8.58. Weakly Sequentially Lower Semicontinuous**

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A function  $f : D \subset \mathcal{H} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is *weakly sequentially lower semicontinuous* if

$$x_n \rightharpoonup x \quad \Rightarrow \quad f(x) \leq \liminf_{n \rightarrow \infty} f(x_n)$$

Example:  $\|\cdot\| : \mathcal{H} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is weakly sequentially lower semicontinuous.

**Remark 8.59.**

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Weakly sequentially lower semicontinuous implies strongly sequentially lower semicontinuous, but not conversely.

**Theorem 8.60.**

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Suppose that  $D$  is a weakly closed, bounded (in norm) subset in a Hilbert space  $\mathcal{H}$  and  $f : D \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is a weakly sequentially lower semicontinuous function. Then  $f$  is bounded from below

$$(m = \inf_{x \in D} f(x) > -\infty) \text{ and there exists } x \in D \text{ such that } f(x) = m.$$

**8.8 Chapter Summary**

We begin by defining what it means for a bounded linear operator  $P$  to be a *projection* (with “opposite”  $Q = I - P$ ), and we explore relationship between projections and direct sum decompositions:  $P$  a projection  $\Leftrightarrow X = \text{ran } P \oplus \ker P$ . We introduce *orthogonal projections* and show that they are bounded and self-adjoint. We explore the connection between orthogonal projections  $P$  ( $\Rightarrow \mathcal{H} = \text{ran } P \oplus \ker P$ ) and direct sum decompositions ( $\mathcal{M}$  closed)  $\mathcal{H} = \mathcal{M} \oplus \mathcal{M}^\perp$  ( $\Rightarrow P, \text{ran } P = \mathcal{M}, \ker P = \mathcal{M}^\perp$ ).

Recall from Chapter 5 that a linear functional is bounded iff it is continuous. We introduce the *Riesz Representation Theorem*: for all  $\varphi \in \mathcal{H}^*$ , there exists  $y \in \mathcal{H}$  such that  $\varphi(x) = \langle y, x \rangle$ . This gives us that all Hilbert spaces are self-dual:  $\mathcal{H}^{**} = \mathcal{H}$ . This is because the map  $J_1 : \mathcal{H} \rightarrow \mathcal{H}^*$  defined by  $J_1 y = \varphi_y$  identifies  $\mathcal{H}$  with its dual space,  $\mathcal{H}^*$ . Similarly, we can define a map  $J_2$  that identifies  $\mathcal{H}^*$  with its dual space,  $\mathcal{H}^{**}$ .

Thus,  $\mathcal{H}$  and  $\mathcal{H}^{**}$  (and  $\mathcal{H}^*$ ) have the same cardinality. And since we know (Chapter 5) that for every  $x \in \mathcal{H}$  we can define a functional  $F_x \in \mathcal{H}^{**}$  by  $F_x(\varphi) = \varphi(x)$ , we therefore know that all linear functionals in  $\mathcal{H}^{**}$  are of this form.

We use the Riesz Representation Theorem to prove the existence of the *adjoint* of a bounded operator on a Hilbert space:  $\langle x, Ay \rangle = \langle A^*x, y \rangle$ . Examples:

- Matrix:  $A^* = A^T$  ( $\overline{A^T}$  if  $A$  is complex)
  - $\langle x, Ay \rangle = x^T Ay$ ,  $\langle A^*x, y \rangle = (A^*x)^T y = x^T (A^*)^T y$
- Integral operator  $Kf(x) = \int_0^1 k(x, y)f(y) dy$ :  $K^*f(x) = \int_0^1 \overline{k(y, x)}f(y) dy$
- Shift operators:  $S^* = T$ ,  $T^* = S$

We verify that for a bounded linear operator  $A$ , a solvability condition for  $Ax = y$  is that  $\langle y, z \rangle = 0$  for all  $z \in \ker A^* \Leftrightarrow \text{ran } A \subset (\ker A^*)^\perp$ . We use this fact to prove that for a bounded linear operator  $A$ ,

$$\overline{\text{ran } A} = (\ker A^*)^\perp, \quad \ker A = (\text{ran } A^*)^\perp.$$

Equivalently,

$$\mathcal{H} = \underbrace{(\ker A^*)^\perp}_{\overline{\text{ran } A}} \oplus \underbrace{(\text{ran } A)^\perp}_{\ker A^*}.$$

Next we have some definitions. We define what it means for a bounded linear operator to be *self-adjoint*, and we prove that for a bounded self-adjoint operator  $A$ ,

$$\|A\| = \sup_{\|x\|=1} |\langle x, Ax \rangle|, \quad \|A^*A\| = \|A\|^2.$$

Examples:

- A matrix is self-adjoint if it is symmetric (or Hermitian, if it is complex).
- An integral operator  $Kf(x) = \int_0^1 k(x, y)f(y) dy$  is self-adjoint if  $k(x, y) = \overline{k(y, x)}$

We say that an operator is *unitary/orthogonal* if it is invertible and  $\langle Ux, Uy \rangle_{\mathcal{H}_2} = \langle x, y \rangle_{\mathcal{H}_1} \Leftrightarrow U^*U = UU^* = I$ . We say that an operator is *normal* if  $T^*T = TT^*$ . (Self-adjoint and unitary operators are normal.)

Now we revisit *weak convergence*. For Hilbert spaces, the Riesz Representation Theorem gives us an equivalent definition:  $x_n \rightharpoonup x$  if  $\langle x_n, y \rangle \rightarrow \langle x, y \rangle \forall y \in \mathcal{H} \Leftrightarrow \varphi(x_n) \rightarrow \varphi(x) \forall \varphi \in \mathcal{H}^*$ . We mention 3 reasons why a sequence may converge weakly but not strongly: *oscillation*, *concentration*, and *escape to infinity*. We prove that for a weakly convergent sequence  $(x_n)$ ,  $\|x\| \leq \liminf \|x_n\|$ . We also prove that if  $\lim \|x_n\| = \|x\|$ , then  $(x_n)$  converges to  $x$  strongly. The *Banach-Alaoglu Theorem* tells us that the closed unit ball of a Hilbert space is weakly compact.

We define what it means for a function to be *convex*, and we say a few words about *lower semicontinuous* functions. We finish the chapter with *Mazur's Theorem*, which tells us that if  $x_n \rightharpoonup x$ , then there exists a sequence  $(y_n)$  of finite convex combinations of  $\{x_n\}$  that converges strongly to  $x$ .

## 9 The Spectrum of Bounded Linear Operators

### 9.0 Introduction

**Remark 9.1.**

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Consider the following initial boundary value problem for a variable coefficient, linear equation:

$$\begin{aligned}u_t &= u_{xx} - q(x)u & 0 < x < 1, t > 0, \\u(0, t) &= 0, u(1, t) = 0 & t \geq 0, \\u(x, 0) &= f(x) & 0 \leq x \leq 1\end{aligned}$$

Using separation of variables, we assume

$$u(x, t) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n(t)u_n(x)$$

where  $\{u_n \mid n \in \mathbb{N}\}$  is an orthonormal basis of  $L^2([0, 1])$ . We find that

$$\frac{da_n}{dt} = -\lambda_n a_n$$

and the  $u_n$  satisfy

$$-\frac{d^2 u_n}{dx^2} + q u_n = \lambda_n u_n$$

Then the  $u_n$  are eigenvectors of the linear operator  $A$ . Thus,  $Au_n = \lambda_n u_n$ , where  $A$  is defined by

$$Au = -\frac{d^2 u}{dx^2} + qu$$

We want a complete set of eigenvectors of  $A$ , or equivalently, to diagonalize  $A$ . This is an example of what we do in spectral theory.

### 9.1 Diagonalization of Matrices

**Remark 9.2.**

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The concept of the spectrum of an operator on a Banach/Hilbert space is a generalization of eigenvalues for matrices. Let  $A \in \mathcal{B}(X)$ . When  $\dim X < \infty$  then we can identify it with a matrix  $\tilde{A}$ . For any  $\lambda \in \mathbb{C}$  we have two possibilities:

1.  $\lambda I - A$  is nonsingular  $\Leftrightarrow \det(\lambda I - A) \neq 0 \Leftrightarrow (\lambda I - A)^{-1}$  exists
2.  $\lambda I - A$  is singular  $\Leftrightarrow$  there exists  $x_0$  such that  $(\lambda I - A)x_0 = 0$ . Thus,  $Ax_0 = \lambda x_0$ ,  $\lambda$  is an eigenvalue, and  $x_0$  is an eigenvector.

What happens if  $\dim X = \infty$ ???

## 9.2 The Spectrum

### Definition 9.3. *Resolvent Set*

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The *resolvent set* of a bounded operator  $A$  on a Banach space  $X$  is the set

$$\begin{aligned} \rho(A) &= \{ \lambda \in \mathbb{C} \mid (\lambda I - A) \text{ is invertible} \} \\ \text{(by the bounded inverse theorem)} \quad &= \{ \lambda \in \mathbb{C} \mid (\lambda I - A) \in \mathcal{B}(X) \} \\ &= \{ \lambda \in \mathbb{C} \mid (\lambda I - A) \text{ is 1-1 and onto} \} \end{aligned}$$

### Definition 9.4. *Spectrum*

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The *spectrum* of  $A$  is the set

$$\begin{aligned} \sigma(A) &= \mathbb{C} \setminus \rho(A) \\ &= \{ \lambda \in \mathbb{C} \mid (\lambda I - A) \text{ is not invertible} \} \end{aligned}$$

### Definition 9.5. *Point Spectrum, Continuous Spectrum, Residual Spectrum*

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In general,  $\sigma(A)$  can be expressed as  $\sigma(A) = \sigma_p(A) \cup \sigma_c(A) \cup \sigma_r(A)$ , where

1.  $\sigma_p(A) = \{ \lambda \in \mathbb{C} \mid (\lambda I - A) \text{ is not 1-1} \}$   
 $\sigma_p(A)$  is called the *point spectrum* of  $A$ . In this case, since  $(\lambda I - A)$  is not 1-1, there exists  $x_0 \in \ker(\lambda I - A)$  such that  $(\lambda I - A)x_0 = 0 \Leftrightarrow Ax_0 = \lambda x_0$
2.  $\sigma_c(A) = \{ \lambda \in \mathbb{C} \mid (\lambda I - A) \text{ is 1-1 but not onto and } \overline{\text{ran}(\lambda I - A)} = X \}$   
 $\sigma_c(A)$  is called the *continuous spectrum* of  $A$
3.  $\sigma_r(A) = \{ \lambda \in \mathbb{C} \mid (\lambda I - A) \text{ is 1-1 but not onto and } \overline{\text{ran}(\lambda I - A)} \neq X \}$   
 $\sigma_r(A)$  is called the *residual spectrum* of  $A$

### Example 9.6. *Point, Continuous, and Residual Spectra Examples*

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1. A matrix on  $\mathbb{C}^n$  has pure point spectrum
2.  $M : L^2([0, 1]) \rightarrow L^2([0, 1])$ ,  $f \mapsto xf$ ,  $\sigma(M) = [0, 1]$  has pure continuous spectrum
3. Consider the right shift operator  $S$  on  $\ell^2(\mathbb{N})$ .  $\lambda = 0$  is in the residual spectrum

**Example 9.7.**

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Consider the Banach space  $X = C([0,1])$  with the  $\|\cdot\|_\infty$  norm. Define  $A : X \rightarrow X$  by  $Af(x) = xf(x)$ . The boundedness of  $A$  follows exactly as in HW7 (even though  $X = L^2([0,1])$  on the HW, since we can take  $\sup x = 1$ ). Find  $\sigma(A)$ . Claim:  $\sigma(A) = \sigma_r(A) = [0,1]$ .

For any  $\lambda \in \mathbb{C}$ ,  $f \in C([0,1])$ , we have

$$(\lambda I - A)f(x) = (\lambda - x)f(x) = 0$$

If  $\lambda \neq x$  then  $f(x) = 0$ . If  $\lambda \notin [0,1]$  then  $\sigma_p = \emptyset$ .

For all  $\lambda \notin [0,1]$ , is  $(\lambda I - A)$  onto? For every  $g \in C([0,1])$ , we want  $f$  such that  $f(x)(\lambda - x) = g(x) \Rightarrow f(x) = \frac{g(x)}{\lambda - x} \in C([0,1])$ , since  $\lambda \notin [0,1]$  implies that  $\lambda - x \neq 0 \forall x \in [0,1]$ . Thus,  $(\lambda I - A)$  is onto, and we can conclude that  $\sigma(A) \subseteq [0,1]$ .

It will be enough to prove the claim to show that  $[0,1] \subseteq \sigma_r(A)$ . Why?  $[0,1] \subseteq \sigma_r(A) \subseteq \sigma(A) \subseteq [0,1]$ . Pick  $\lambda \in [0,1]$ . For every  $g \in \text{ran}(\lambda I - A)$  we have that

$$\begin{aligned} g(x) &= (\lambda - x)f(x) \text{ for some } f \in X = C([0,1]) \\ g(\lambda) &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

So  $h(x) = 1 \notin \text{ran}(\lambda I - A)$ , since  $g(\lambda) = 0 \neq 1$ . Therefore  $(\lambda I - A)$  is not onto.

If  $h \in \overline{\text{ran}(\lambda I - A)}$  then there exists  $(g_n) \subset \text{ran}(\lambda I - A)$  such that  $g_n \rightarrow h$ .  $h(\lambda) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} g_n(\lambda) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (\lambda - \lambda)f_n(\lambda) = 0$ . Thus,  $h \notin \text{ran}(\lambda I - A)$ , so  $\lambda \in \sigma_r(A)$ .

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**Definition 9.9. Resolvent**

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For  $\lambda \in \rho(A)$ , we define the *resolvent* of  $A$  at  $\lambda$  to be

$$R_\lambda = (\lambda I - A)^{-1}, \quad R_\lambda : \rho(A) \subset \mathbb{C} \rightarrow \mathcal{B}(\mathcal{H})$$



**Example 9.10. Neumann Series**

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If  $\|A\| < 1$  then  $(I - A)$  is invertible and

$$(I - A)^{-1} = I + A + A^2 + \dots$$

To show this, we define the partial sum:

$$S_N = I + A + A^2 + \dots + A^N$$

Next, we show that the sequence of partial sums is Cauchy:

$$\begin{aligned} \|A^{M+1} + \dots + A^N\| &\leq \|A^{M+1}\| + \dots + \|A^N\| \leq \|A\|^{M+1} + \dots + \|A\|^N \\ &\leq \sum_{n=M+1}^N \|A\|^n \end{aligned}$$

$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} < \infty$  if  $\|A\| < 1$ , so the partial sums are Cauchy. Thus,  $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} A^n$  is Cauchy in  $\mathcal{B}(\mathcal{H})$ , and it converges since  $\mathcal{B}(\mathcal{H})$  is complete.

(See Remark 9.12.)

**Example 9.11.**

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1. If  $|\lambda| > \|A\|$  then  $\lambda \in \rho(A)$   
 $(\lambda I - A)^{-1} = \left[\lambda \left(I - \frac{A}{\lambda}\right)\right]^{-1} = \frac{1}{\lambda} \left(I - \frac{A}{\lambda}\right)^{-1}$   
 $\uparrow$  this exists if  $\|A/\lambda\| < 1 \Rightarrow \|A\| < |\lambda|$

2. The resolvent set  $\rho(A)$  is open in  $\mathbb{C}$   
 Suppose  $\lambda_0 \in \rho(A)$ . We write:

$$\begin{aligned} (\lambda I - A) &= \lambda_0 I - A + (\lambda - \lambda_0)I = (\lambda_0 I - A) [I + (\lambda - \lambda_0)(\lambda_0 I - A)^{-1}] \\ (\lambda I - A)^{-1} &= [I + (\lambda - \lambda_0)(\lambda_0 I - A)^{-1}]^{-1} (\lambda_0 I - A)^{-1} \\ \uparrow \text{exists if } |\lambda - \lambda_0| &< \frac{1}{\|(\lambda_0 I - A)^{-1}\|} \end{aligned}$$

3.  $R_\lambda : \lambda \mapsto (\lambda I - A)^{-1}$   
 $R_\lambda$  is an operator-valued analytic function on the open set  $\rho(A) \subset \mathbb{C}$
4.  $\sigma(A) \neq \emptyset$

**Remark 9.12.**

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In Example 9.10, it is not necessary that  $\|A\| < 1$  for  $(I - A)^{-1} = I + A + A^2 + \dots$  to converge. Rather, we require that  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \|A^n\|^{1/n} < 1$ .

**Definition 9.13. Spectral Radius**

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$r(A) = \sup\{|\lambda| \mid \lambda \in \sigma(A)\}$  is the *spectral radius* of  $A$ . This is the radius of the smallest disc in  $\mathbb{C}$  centered at 0 that contains  $\sigma(A)$ . Also,  $r(A) \leq \|A\|$ .

**Theorem 9.14.**

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$$r(A) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \|A^n\|^{1/n} \quad (\text{and the limit exists})$$

*Proof.* Let  $a_n = \log \|A^n\|$ . (If  $\|A^n\| = 0$  for some  $n$ , i.e.  $A$  is *nilpotent*, then  $r(A) = 0$ .) Then

$$\begin{aligned} a_{m+n} &= \log \|A^{m+n}\| \\ &\leq \log \|A^m\| + \log \|A^n\| \\ &\leq a_m + a_n \quad (\text{subadditive}) \end{aligned}$$

We want to show that  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{a_n}{n}$  exists, where  $\frac{a_n}{n} = \log \|A^n\|^{1/n}$ . Fix  $n, m$  and write  $n = mp + q$  with  $0 \leq q < m$ . Then we have

$$\begin{aligned} a_n &= a_{mp+q} \leq a_{mp} + a_q \\ \frac{a_n}{n} &\leq \frac{a_{mp}}{n} + \frac{a_q}{n} \end{aligned}$$

Note that  $a_{mp} \leq pa_m$ . Let  $n \rightarrow \infty$  with  $m$  fixed. Then  $\frac{p}{n} \rightarrow \frac{1}{m}$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ , and

$$\limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{a_n}{n} \leq \frac{a_m}{m} \tag{9.1}$$

Taking the limit of (9.1) as  $m \rightarrow \infty$ , we obtain

$$\limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{a_n}{n} \leq \liminf_{m \rightarrow \infty} \frac{a_m}{m}$$

So  $\limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{a_n}{n} = \liminf_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{a_n}{n}$ , and the sequence converges. □

**Example 9.15. Example for Theorem 9.14**

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$$\begin{aligned} A &= \mu I & \|A\| &= |\mu| = r(A) \\ \lambda I - A &= (\lambda - \mu)I & \|A^n\|^{1/n} &= |\mu| \\ \sigma(A) &= \mu \end{aligned}$$

**Corollary 9.16.**

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If  $A$  is self-adjoint then  $r(A) = \|A\|$ .

*Proof.*  $\|A^2\| = \|A\|^2$  and  $\|A^{2^n}\| = \|A\|^{2^n}$ , so  $\liminf_{n \rightarrow \infty} \|A^n\|^{1/n} = \|A\|$  by taking the subsequence  $n = 2^m$ .  $\square$

### 9.3 The Spectral Theorem for Compact, Self-Adjoint Operators

#### 9.3.1 Bounded, Self-Adjoint Operators

**Theorem 9.17.**

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If  $A$  is bounded and self-adjoint, then every eigenvalue of  $A$  is real and eigenvectors with different eigenvalues are orthogonal.

Related to Theorem 9.21.

*Proof.* If  $Ax = \lambda x$ , then

$$\begin{aligned}\langle x, Ax \rangle &= \langle x, \lambda x \rangle = \lambda \|x\|^2 \\ \langle Ax, x \rangle &= \langle \lambda x, x \rangle = \bar{\lambda} \|x\|^2\end{aligned}$$

If  $A$  is self-adjoint (and  $x \neq 0$ ), then  $\lambda = \bar{\lambda} \Rightarrow \lambda \in \mathbb{R}$ .

**Case:**  $A$  has pure point spectrum.

If  $Ax = \lambda x$  and  $Ay = \mu y$ ,  $x, y \neq 0$ ,  $\lambda \neq \mu$ , then

$$\left. \begin{aligned}\langle x, Ay \rangle &= \mu \langle x, y \rangle \\ \langle Ax, y \rangle &= \bar{\lambda} \langle x, y \rangle = \lambda \langle x, y \rangle\end{aligned} \right\} A = A^*, \text{ so } \mu \langle x, y \rangle = \lambda \langle x, y \rangle$$

If  $\lambda \neq \mu$ , then  $\langle x, y \rangle = 0$ , i.e.  $x \perp y$ .

What about the continuous and residual spectra?

$$\begin{aligned}\|(A - \lambda I)x\|^2 &= \langle (A - aI)x - ibx, (A - aI)x - ibx \rangle \quad \text{where } \lambda = a + ib \\ &= \langle (A - aI)x, (A - aI)x \rangle + \langle -ibx, \cancel{(A - aI)x} \rangle + \langle \cancel{(A - aI)x}, -ibx \rangle + \langle -ibx, -ibx \rangle \\ &= \|(A - aI)x\|^2 + b^2 \|x\|^2 \\ &\geq b^2 \|x\|^2\end{aligned}$$

**Continuous Spectrum:** See Proposition 9.18 and Remark 9.19.

**Residual Spectrum:** See Proposition 9.20.  $\square$

**Proposition 9.18.**

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$$|\operatorname{Im} \lambda| \cdot \|x\| \leq \|(A - aI)x\|$$

**Remark 9.19.**

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Proposition 9.18 says that if  $(A - \lambda I)x = y$ , then  $|\operatorname{Im} \lambda| \cdot \|x\| \leq \|y\|$ . This means that if  $\lambda \in \mathbb{R}$ , we can estimate the solution,  $x$ , in terms of the RHS,  $y$ .

Applying this to the proof of Theorem 9.17, we see that if  $\lambda \in \mathbb{C} \setminus \mathbb{R}$ , it follows that

- (a)  $(A - \lambda I)$  is 1-1 because if  $(A - \lambda I)x = 0$  then  $|\operatorname{Im} \lambda| \|x\| = 0 \Rightarrow x = 0$ .
- (b)  $(A - \lambda I)$  has closed range. If  $y_n = (A - \lambda I)x_n, y_n \in \operatorname{ran}(A - \lambda I), y_n \rightarrow y$ , then we can bound

$$\underbrace{\|x_m - x_n\|}_{\therefore \text{Cauchy}} \leq C \underbrace{\|y_m - y_n\|}_{\text{Cauchy}}$$

So  $x_n \rightarrow x$ ,  $(A - \lambda I)x = y$ , and  $y \in \operatorname{ran}(A - \lambda I)$ . So if  $\lambda \in \mathbb{C} \setminus \mathbb{R}$ , then  $(A - \lambda I)$  is 1-1 with closed range, so there is no complex-valued continuous spectrum.

**Proposition 9.20.**

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If  $A$  is bounded and self-adjoint, then the residual spectrum is empty.

*Proof.* If  $\lambda$  is in the residual spectrum, then there exists  $y \in \mathcal{H}$  such that  $\langle (A - \lambda I)x, y \rangle = 0 \forall x \in \mathcal{H}$ , so  $y \perp \operatorname{ran}(A - \lambda I)$ ,  $y \neq 0$ . Since  $A$  is self-adjoint,  $\langle x, (A - \bar{\lambda} I)y \rangle = 0 \forall x \in \mathcal{H}$ . This implies that  $(A - \bar{\lambda} I)y = 0$ , so  $y$  is an eigenvector of  $A$  with eigenvalue  $\bar{\lambda}$ . We have 2 cases:

1.  $\lambda \in \mathbb{C} \setminus \mathbb{R} \Rightarrow$  impossible ( $A$  has real eigenvalues)
2.  $\lambda \in \mathbb{R}$ . Then  $\lambda$  is in the point and residual spectra  $\Rightarrow$  impossible.

□

**Theorem 9.21.**

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If  $A$  is a bounded, self-adjoint operator on a Hilbert space  $\mathcal{H}$ , then  $\sigma(A)$  is real and contained in the interval  $[-\|A\|, \|A\|]$ . The residual spectrum is empty.

Related to Theorem 9.17.

**Proposition 9.22.**

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If  $A$  is a bounded operator on a Hilbert space (not necessarily self-adjoint!) and  $\lambda \in \sigma_r(A)$ , then  $\bar{\lambda} \in \sigma_p(A^*)$ . In other words,  $\sigma_r(A) \subseteq \sigma_p(A^*)$ .

**Remark 9.23. Bounded, Self-Adjoint Operators**

Bounded, self-adjoint operators have

- Spectral radius  $r(A) = \|A\|$  (See Corollary 9.16)
- Real eigenvalues (See Theorem 9.17)
- Orthogonal eigenvectors (See Theorem 9.17)
- Empty residual spectrum (See Proposition 9.20)

**9.3.2 Compact Operators**

**Definition 9.24. Compact Operator**

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$K : \mathcal{H} \rightarrow \mathcal{H}$ ,  $D \in \mathcal{B}(\mathcal{H})$  is *compact* if it maps bounded sets to precompact sets.

**Remark 9.25. Precompact**

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Remember: a set is *precompact* if it is bounded and “almost” finite-dimensional.

**Example 9.26. The Hilbert Cube**

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Let  $\mathcal{H} = \ell^2(\mathbb{N})$ . The *Hilbert cube*

$$C = \left\{ (x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n, \dots) \mid |x_n| \leq \frac{1}{n} \right\}$$

is closed and precompact. Hence,  $C$  is a compact subset of  $\mathcal{H}$ .

**Example 9.27. Diagonal Operators Are Compact**

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The diagonal operator  $: \ell^2(\mathbb{N}) \rightarrow \ell^2(\mathbb{N})$  defined by

$$A(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n, \dots) = (\lambda_1 x_1, \lambda_2 x_2, \dots, \lambda_n x_n, \dots)$$

is compact iff  $\lambda_n \rightarrow 0$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ .

### Example 9.28. Compactness of Operators

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1. Any operator with finite rank ( $\text{rank } A = \dim \text{ran } A$ ) is compact
2.  $I : \mathcal{H} \rightarrow \mathcal{H}$  is not compact if  $\dim \mathcal{H} = \infty$
3.  $L^2([0, 1])$ ,  $Kf(x) = \int_0^x f(y) dy$  is a compact operator. If  $\|f\|_{L^2} \leq M$ , then

$$\left| \int_0^x f(y) dy \right| \leq \int_0^1 |f(y)| dy \leq \left( \int_0^1 |f(y)|^2 dy \right)^{1/2} \leq M$$

Define  $F(x) = \int_0^x f(y) dy$ . Then

$$|F(x_2) - F(x_1)| = \left| \int_{x_1}^{x_2} f(y) dy \right| \leq \left( \int_{x_1}^{x_2} 1 \cdot dy \right)^{1/2} \left( \int_{x_1}^{x_2} |f(y)|^2 dy \right)^{1/2} \leq M|x_2 - x_1|^{1/2}$$

$\{Kf \mid \|f\| \leq M\}$  is bounded and equicontinuous. Thus,  $H^2([0, 1])$  is compactly embedded in  $L^2([0, 1])$ . It follows that  $\{Kf \mid \|f\|_{L^2} \leq M\}$  is precompact in  $C([0, 1])$  by Arzela-Ascoli, so it is precompact in  $L^2([0, 1])$ .

$$\text{If } f(x) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} b_n \sin(n\pi x), \text{ then } Kf(x) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{b_n}{n\pi} - \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{b_n}{n\pi} \cos(n\pi x)$$

### 9.3.3 Compact, Self-Adjoint Operators

#### Remark 9.29.

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**Given:**  $A : \mathcal{H} \rightarrow \mathcal{H}$ ,  $A$  is compact and self-adjoint,  $\mathcal{H}$  is a separable Hilbert space

**We will prove:**

1.  $A$  has at least one eigenvalue
2. If  $A$  leaves a subspace  $M \subset \mathcal{H}$  invariant ( $A : M \rightarrow M$ ), then  $A$  leaves  $M^\perp$  invariant, and  $\mathcal{H} = M \oplus M^\perp$

**Idea:** if we have  $A\varphi_n = \lambda_n\varphi_n$ , then we can get the largest eigenvalue by maximizing  $A(\sum c_n\varphi_n) = \sum \lambda_n c_n\varphi_n$ .

#### Theorem 9.30.

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Suppose  $A : \mathcal{H} \rightarrow \mathcal{H}$  is compact and self-adjoint. Then  $A$  has an eigenvector with eigenvalue  $\lambda$  with  $\lambda = \|A\|$  and/or  $\lambda = -\|A\|$ .

*Proof.* Recall: since  $A$  is self-adjoint,  $\|A\| = \sup_{\|x\|=1} |\langle x, Ax \rangle|$ . Choose a sequence  $(x_n) \subset \mathcal{H}$  with  $\|x_n\| = 1$

and  $\langle x_n, Ax_n \rangle \rightarrow \lambda$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ ,  $\lambda = \pm \|A\|$ . Then we have

$$\begin{aligned} \|(A - \lambda I)x_n\|^2 &= \langle (A - \lambda I)x_n, (A - \lambda I)x_n \rangle \\ &= \langle Ax_n, Ax_n \rangle - 2\lambda \langle x_n, Ax_n \rangle + \lambda^2 \langle x_n, x_n \rangle \\ &= \underbrace{\|Ax_n\|^2}_{\leq \|A\|^2 \|x_n\|^2 = \lambda^2} - 2\lambda \langle x_n, Ax_n \rangle + \lambda^2 \\ &\leq 2\lambda^2 - 2\lambda \langle x_n, Ax_n \rangle \rightarrow 0 \text{ as } n \rightarrow \infty \end{aligned}$$

So  $(A - \lambda I)x_n \rightarrow 0$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ , and thus  $x_n - \frac{1}{\lambda}Ax_n \rightarrow 0$  (assuming  $\lambda \neq 0$ , in which case  $\|A\| = 0$  and everything is an eigenvalue). Since  $(x_n)$  is bounded ( $\|x_n\| = 1 \forall n$ ),  $Ax_n \rightarrow y$  by the compactness of  $A$ . So  $x_n \rightarrow \frac{y}{\lambda}$  and  $(A - \lambda I)y = 0$ .  $\|y\| = \lambda \neq 0$ , since  $\|x_n\| = 1$  and  $x_n \rightarrow y$ . So  $A$  has eigenvector  $y$  with eigenvalue  $\lambda$ .  $\square$

**Proposition 9.31.**

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1. Any nonzero eigenvalue of a compact, self-adjoint operator has a finite *multiplicity* (multiplicity  $\equiv$  the dimension of the eigenspace).
2. If  $\lambda_n$  is a sequence of eigenvalues and  $\lambda_n \rightarrow L$ , then we must have that  $L = 0$ .

**Theorem 9.32. Spectral Theorem for Compact, Self-Adjoint Operators**

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If  $A : \mathcal{H} \rightarrow \mathcal{H}$  is a compact, self-adjoint operator on a Hilbert space  $\mathcal{H}$  then there is a finite or countably infinite sequence  $(\lambda_n)$  of nonzero real eigenvalues and orthogonal eigenvectors  $(\varphi_n)$  such that

$$A\varphi_n = \lambda_n \varphi_n$$

where  $|\lambda_1| \geq |\lambda_2| \geq \dots$   $\lambda_n \rightarrow 0$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$  if there are infinitely many  $\lambda_n$ 's and

$$\begin{aligned} Ax &= \sum_n \lambda_n \langle \varphi_n, x \rangle \varphi_n \\ x &= \sum \langle \varphi_n, x \rangle \varphi_n + n \quad \text{where } n \in \ker A, \quad \ker A \perp \underbrace{\langle \varphi_n \rangle}_{\text{span}} \end{aligned}$$

Let  $P_n : \mathcal{H} \rightarrow \mathcal{H}$  be the orthogonal projection onto the eigenspace with eigenvalue  $\lambda_n$  (eigenvectors of bounded, self-adjoint operators are orthogonal; see Theorem 9.17). Then

$$A = \sum \lambda_n P_n$$

We are representing  $A$  as a sum of linear projections because  $\lambda_n \rightarrow 0$ , and so the sum converges uniformly.

*Proof.* To see that the sum converges uniformly to  $A$ , we compute

$$\|Ax - \sum_{n=1}^N \lambda_n P_n x\| = \left\| \sum_{n=N+1}^{\infty} |\lambda_n \langle \varphi_n, x \rangle \varphi_n| \right\| \leq |\lambda_{N+1}| \|x\|^2$$

Also, if we let  $P_0$  be the orthogonal projection onto  $\ker A$ , then

$$P_0 + \sum P_n = I$$

is strongly convergent. This is an example of what's called "resolution of the identity." Note that the  $\lambda_i$ 's gave us uniform convergence above. For bounded (and unbounded) self-adjoint operators with continuous spectrum we need to use resolutions of identity that involve integrals (instead of sums).  $\square$

## 9.4 Functions of Operators = Functional Calculus

### Definition 9.33. *Function of an Operator*

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If  $f : \sigma(A) \subset \mathbb{C} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$  is a bounded function, then we define

$$f(A) = \sum f(\lambda_n)P_n + f(0)P_0$$

- $f$  is uniformly convergent if  $f(\lambda_n) \rightarrow 0$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$
- $f$  is strongly convergent if  $f(\lambda_n) \not\rightarrow 0$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$

Note that  $\sigma(A) = \{\lambda_n\} \cup \{0\}$  if  $\dim H = \infty$

- If there are finitely many  $\lambda_n$ , then  $0 \in \sigma_p(A)$
- If there are countably many  $\lambda_n$ , then  $0 \in \sigma_c(A)$

### Example 9.34.

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Suppose  $A$  is a positive (see Definition 8.32), self-adjoint compact operator. Then

$$\langle x, Ax \rangle \geq 0 \quad \text{implies} \quad \lambda_n \geq 0 \quad \forall n$$

We can define the positive square root of  $A$  as

$$\begin{aligned} \sqrt{A} &= \sum \lambda_n^{1/2} P_n \\ (\sqrt{A})^2 &= \sum \lambda_n P_n = A \end{aligned}$$

In general, if  $A$  is compact then

$$T = A^*A \quad \text{is positive and self-adjoint because} \quad \langle x, Tx \rangle = \langle x, A^*Ax \rangle = \langle Ax, Ax \rangle \geq 0$$

$$\sqrt{T} = |A|, \quad |A|^2 = T = A^*A$$

### Definition 9.35. *Polar Decomposition*

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$A = U|A|$ , where  $U : \text{ran } |A| \rightarrow \text{Im } A$  is a unitary operator



**Definition 9.36. Fredholm Operator, Index**

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A bounded operator  $A : \mathcal{H} \rightarrow \mathcal{H}$  is *Fredholm* if

- (a)  $\text{ran } A$  is closed
- (b)  $\dim \ker A$  is finite
- (c)  $\text{codim } \text{ran } A$  is finite  $\Leftrightarrow \dim \ker A^*$  is finite
  - $\text{codim } \text{ran } A = \dim \ker A^*$  (recall that  $\mathcal{H} = \text{ran } A \oplus \ker A^*$  when  $\text{ran } A$  is closed)

We define the *index* by

$$\text{index } A = \dim(\ker A) - \text{co dim}(\text{ran } A) = \dim(\ker A) - \dim(\ker A^*)$$

**Example 9.37. Fredholm or not?**

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- (a)  $I$  is Fredholm with  $\text{index} = 0$
- (b)  $A(x_1, x_2, x_3, \dots) \mapsto (x_1, \frac{1}{2}x_2, \frac{1}{3}x_3, \dots)$  is not Fredholm because the range is not closed
- (c) The right shift operator,  $S$ , is Fredholm with  $\text{index} = -1$

If  $A$  is Fredholm with  $\text{index}(A) = 0$  then we have Fredholm alternative for solving the equation  $Ax = y$ , and there are 2 possibilities:

1.  $A$  is one-to-one and we can solve the equation for every  $y \in \mathcal{H}$
2.  $A$  is not one-to-one, and we can only solve the equation if  $y \perp \ker A^*$

**Theorem 9.38. Riesz-Schauder Theorem**

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If  $K$  is a compact, self-adjoint operator and  $\lambda \neq 0$  then  $A = \lambda I - K$  is Fredholm with  $\text{index } 0$ .

**9.5 Chapter Summary**

$$\begin{aligned} U^*AU &= U^*(AU) = U^*(A[u_1 \ u_2 \ \cdots \ u_k]) \\ &= U^*[Au_1 \ Au_2 \ \cdots \ Au_k] \\ &= U^*[\lambda_1 u_1 \ \lambda_2 u_2 \ \cdots \ \lambda_k u_k] \\ &= [\lambda_1 e_1 \ \lambda_2 e_2 \ \cdots \ \lambda_k e_k] \quad (\text{because } U^*u_k = e_k) \\ &= \begin{bmatrix} \lambda_1 & 0 & \cdots & 0 \\ 0 & \lambda_2 & \cdots & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & \cdots & \lambda_k \end{bmatrix} = D \end{aligned}$$

Operator	Spectrum	Point	Continuous	Residual
Bounded, Linear	Closed & Nonempty, $r(A) = \lim \ A^n\ ^{1/n}$			$\lambda \in \sigma_r(A) \Rightarrow$ $\bar{\lambda} \in \sigma_p(A^*)$
Bounded, Self-Adjoint	$\sigma(A) \subset [-\ A\ , \ A\ ]$ $r(A) = \ A\ $	real	real	empty
Compact, Self-Adjoint		$-\ A\  \in \sigma_p(A)$ or $\ A\  \in \sigma_p(A)$	$\sigma_c(A) = \{0\}$ or $\sigma_c(A) = \emptyset$	empty